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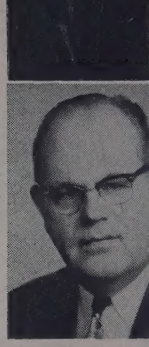
BELFAST FROM A ROOFTOP

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR DAY AT THE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY



Harold E. Westerhoff

Christian Endeavor will be at the New York World's Fair. Saturday, July 18, 1964, will be CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR DAY. You will want to put this on your calendar and begin planning right now to make this a big day.

Plans for activities, in the hands of a special Christian Endeavor World's Fair Committee, include luncheon and a special hour-long service of worship in the afternoon, with possibly dinner in the evening. A trip to the New York World's Fair will be a memorable experience and it will be doubly so if you participate in Christian Endeavor Day at the Fair.

Chairman of the committee responsible for plans is Milton G. Billard of Lynbrook, New York. Other members of Christian Endeavor's General World's Fair Committee include Mildred A. L. Christgau, New York State Union president; Chester D. Blackman, Massachusetts Union president; Lawrence R. Deal, vice-president in charge of the New England Region; Robert Berger, New Jersey Union president; James R. Westerhoff, vice-president in charge of the Middle Atlantic Region; Gordon McMordie, Pennsylvania Union general secretary; Wayne Smulling, president of the Philadelphia Union; Frances M. Becker, International Society vice-president; Evelyn R. Purdy, International Society trustee; and Betty Miller, New York State Union secretary.

This World's Fair will be outstanding because of its seven religious pavilions. The 1939 Fair had only a single temple of religion, a non-denominational structure for meditation. The 1964 Fair will number among its religious centers: Protestant and Orthodox Center; Vatican Pavilion; Mormon Pavilion; Christian Science Pavilion; Billy Graham Pavili Sermons from Science Pavilion; Wycl Bible Translators Building. Christian deavorers who attend the Fair on July will be encouraged to report at a spe assembly area, as well as participate the events planned for the day.

As a service to Endeavorers, the c mittee is offering tickets to the Fai the special price of $1.65 for adults, for children two through twelve ye These are good any day throughout Fair's two-year run, April 22-October 1964, and April 21-October 17, 19 This offer of specially-priced advance mission tickets is subject to change F ruary 29, 1964. So get your order in month. Tickets may be purchased f Mr. Billard, 105 Vincent Avenue, L brook, New York 11563. Payment m accompany order.

Coming Events

February

2—Christian Endeavor's 83rd birthday

8—Pacific Regional Conference, Portland, Oregon
Contact: Mrs. Etta V. Berger, 5550 N.W. 185th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97229

22-23—Ontario Leadership Training Weekend
Contact: Florence Zimmerman, 231 High Street, Fort Erie

Pray for these Christian Endeavor events!

COVER CLUES

Planning the 1966 World's Convention as they view Belfast, Northern Ireland, are Rev. F. Rupert Gibson (right), program committee and local committee chairman; the local secretary, Rev. T. Henry Holloway (left); and Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. In the background is City Hall.

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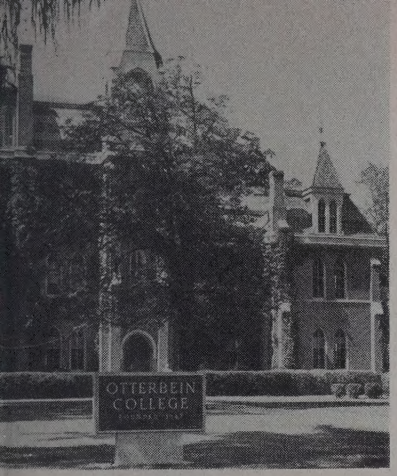


ttterbein College, Westerville, Ohio

Opportunity at Otterbein

A full week of study, training, and llowship awaits Christian Endeavorers ho participate in Christian Endeavor's ternational Summer Assembly July 6-1, 1964.

Setting for the Assembly is Otterbein ollege in Westerville, Ohio, a city of 000 located twelve miles northeast of olumbus. Otterbein, with an enrollment approximately 1,200, has excellent cilities to accommodate the delegates. he college is affiliated with the Evanelical United Brethren Church and is nveniently located in the center of wn. It has more than thirty buildings d forty acres of campus and athletic lds.

The Assembly program will emphasize hristian citizenship, evangelism, intenve Bible study, and leadership train-g. Campus life will give delegates an portunity to learn to know each other d the leaders.

Speaker at the opening mass meeting onday night will be Arch J. McuilkIn, president of the International ciety. The awards in the 1964 Citizenip Awards Program will be presented ring this session.

Franklin County (Ohio) Endeavorers ill be hosts at an informal reception llowing the opening service.

Each day begins with a personal uiet Hour directed by Ralph E. Roahn, associate president of the Interational Society. Leading the Bible study ass which follows will be Rev. Clair E. atty, minister of the United Presbyrian Church, Covington, Ohio. Chapel eakers will be associate evangelists to lly Graham, in the area in preparation for the Central Ohio Crusade in Columbus July 10-19.

Educational conferences in the afternoon include: *Evangelism,* led by Arch McQuilkin; *Christian Citizenship,* directed by Rev. Roger D. Vander Kolk, associate pastor of First Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan; and *Christian Endeavor Essentials* led by Elwood Dunn, general secretary of the Michigan Union. Following the daily presentation by the leader, delegates will participate in a discussion period.

Each afternoon recreation activities will be planned by Mr. Vander Kolk. Youth Assembly delegates will also be in session.

Speakers at the vesper services following dinner include Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, and Mr. Vander Kolk. Tuesday night there will be a special Talent Time program, with informal interest areas scheduled for Thursday evening.

Group demonstrations, with all delegates participating, are planned for Friday night, as a climax to the week's studies. The Assembly closes Saturday morning after breakfast.

Accommodations for the Assembly are limited. Price for the entire event (including meals from Monday night dinner through Saturday breakfast and dormitory accommodations from Monday through Friday nights) is just $30. Use the form below to make reservation early.

International Summer Assembly—July 6-11, 1964
At Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio

Please reserve a place and register me for the International Summer Assembly. Here is $10.00 payment which will apply on my $30.00 fee (including meals from Monday night dinner through Saturday breakfast and dormitory accommodations from Monday through Friday nights).

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City, State, and ZIP Code _____

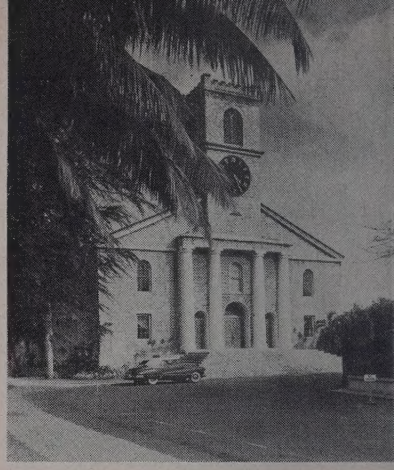
Church _____ C. E. Union _____

Mail this reservation form and $10.00 to INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

Hawaii Calling–1964

4th Pacific Area Conference August 6-9

With the theme of "Jesus Christ . . . the Way," the conference program includes evening mass meetings, daily Quiet Hour periods, morning and afternoon educational conferences, a Saturday evening luau, communion and worship Sunday morning, and a closing fellowship lunch. Co-chairmen of the local arrangements committee are Rev. John L. A. Kalili and Harry K. Stewart, Jr. Dr. Abraham K. Akaka is advisor; other members include William Donlin, Mrs. Martha Hohu, Mrs. Mealii Kalama, Walter Nomura, and Rev. Samuel M. Saffery.



Hawaii Visitors Bureau Photo

HISTORIC KAWAIAHAO CHURCH Honolulu will be one of the sites f the Pacific Area Conference ne August. Called the "Westminst Abbey of the Pacific," this church w built more than a century ago wi coral from Hawaiian waters ar lumber brought from New Englar on clipper ships around Cape Hor

Hawaii Fellowship Tour August 1-21

Another of Christian Endeavor's famed fellowship tours, this offers a Hawaiian holiday plus participation in the conference. An all-expense, personally conducted tour, the cost from Los Angeles back to Los Angeles is just $850. Harold E. Westerhoff, tour director, has announced that the tour will visit five islands (Oahu, Kauai, Maui, Hawaii, and Molokai) and provide many opportunities to meet with Endeavorers. Write the International Society for full details and itinerary.

FEBRUARY 3 IS DEADLINE FOR CITIZENSHIP ENTRIES

February 3 is the deadline for mailing entries in the 1964 Citizenship Awards Program.

All individuals and societies which have completed a Christian citizenship activity, begun after May 31, 1963, are urged to rush their entries to Christian Endeavor Headquarters. Fill out the official entry form, attach the necessary materials, and mail at once by first class or airmail. Each entry must bear a postmark dated no later than February 3 and must reach the International Society of Christian Endeavor in Columbus, Ohio, by 9:00 A.M. Friday, February 14, 1964.

Winners of the Albert H. Diebold Awards, totaling approximately $1,500 in cash, trips, award emblems, plaques, and certificates, will be announced April 24.

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP

A set of more than 170 Kodachrome 2x2 slides with accompanying script, giving a complete visual report of the recent International Convention in Washington, is now available on a loan basis from the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Prepared by Warren G. Hoopes, Sr., of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, this unit is entitled "Washington Wrap-Up." Write to Phyllis I. Rike, Administrative Secretary, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216, to schedule use of the slides. There is no charge except postage.

WANTED! REPORTS AND PICTURES OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WEEK 1964!

The story of Christian Endeavor Week 1964, with pictures of various activitie will appear in the March and April issues of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVO WORLD. Send a complete report of the events planned by your society or unio along with any good black and white pictures which are available, to the edito Miss Phyllis I. Rike, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Deadline f the March issue is February 3; for the April issue materials should be in by Februa 28.

The theme for Christian Endeavor Week, January 26-February 2, is "The My Brethren." Arch J. McQuilkin, president of the International Society, calls th "a very fitting and appropriate theme for a movement such as ours; our movement interdenominational, interracial, and international, and so we reach across all lin to 'These My Brethren.'"

Project Your Influence Beyond Your Lifetime

The preparation of a Christian will is an act of Christian stewardship. There is no way of having your wishes carried out unless you make a will. If you do make a will you have assurance that your wishes will be carried out. Consult your lawyer. Include the International Society of Christian Endeavor in your will.

For information write to

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NEWS AND VIEWS

"YOU'RE ON CAMERA" candid shots during the recent Executives' Program Council include (left) a group of eager delegates examining new books. They are (from left) Ralph E. Robrahn, Rev. Roger D. Vander Kolk, Bruce Vliek, Ruth Benner, Barbara Zimmerman, Cecil A. Jeffery, and Rev. Christian A. Tirre. (Right) A surprise birthday cake honored Oregon Union's executive secretary, Dorothy E. Howes.

. J. ADAMS of Graham is the new president of the North Carolina Union. Bob is a chemist at Burlington Industries in Burlington, where he and his wife Nancy (a former state president) are active in First Pentecostal Holiness Church. Mr. Adams also serves as treasurer of the Southern Region. He is a graduate of The University of North Carolina.

• WORLD'S UNION PRESIDENT Clyde W. Meadows spoke January 2 at the Glendale (California) United Brethren in Christ Church, telling of the way the Lord is working through Christian witness around the world. Presiding was Superintendent James A. Hill of the California Conference of the United Brethren Church. John C. Jones, California Union president, brought a special musical number with his wife Arlene and Rev. Robert Hess, general secretary of the California Union, spoke briefly. Bishop Meadows left Los Angeles on his birthday, January 3, for a trip around the world. He returns to the United States February 28.

• FEBRUARY 8 is the date for the Pacific Regional Conference, to be held in Portland, Oregon, according to announcement by Mrs. Etta V. Berger, regional vice-president.

Sessions will be held at the Y.W.C.A., 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The program includes worship, reports from state presidents, a missionary message given by Rev. Milton Wayne, and a sharing period.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND BON VOYAGE was the theme at this California reception for Bishop Clyde W. Meadows. Shown are (from left) John C. Jones, Bishop Meadows, Superintendent James A. Hill, an Endeavorer from Sierra Leone, West Africa, and the host pastor, Rev. E. H. Russell.

DELEGATES at the 16th annual Hawaii Young People's Christian Endeavor Association Hawaiian Division Conference are pictured at Kahului on Maui, Hawaii. Standing next to the President's Plaque is Gaylord Williams of Kauai, newly-elected president. Standing at left, third row, is Rev. John L. A. Kalili, president and executive director of the Hawaii Association. Leilani Lum Ho was the conference general chairman. In the back row, fourth from right, is Rev. Willard Thomen, formerly vice-president of the New England Region from Andover, Connecticut, now pastor of Imiola Congregational Church, Kamuela, Hawaii.

An Alternate Topic

Let's Watch Television

by Mrs. Louise Raymond

PUBLICITY: Make a large poster, fastening the lid of a box on to make a three-dimensional television set. Show the announcement of your meeting on the screen.

PRE-PRAYER TIME: The officers, the leader, the sponsors and as many other members as possible, should meet fifteen minutes before the Christian Endeavor hour to pray for the meeting.

THE MEETING: As this meeting is to be built around a television set, alternate the numbers of your song service with five-minute programs based on popular television shows.

First Song. *Program No. 1.* This is patterned after the show, *To Tell the Truth.* A panel of four members is chosen. These may be two sponsors and two members of your group. This panel will try to guess which of three society members, each claiming to be a certain person, is telling the "truth." One of these three members has been contacted at least a week ahead of time and given the name of a Bible character whom he will represent. See that he has sufficient information about this person to answer questions correctly. When he is questioned by the panel, he must give the correct answer as he knows it, or say he doesn't know. The other two members, the imposters, were given the name of the character only a short time before the meeting. This will mean that they may have had a little time to study and will have to answer from their present knowledge. They may give the correct answer if they know it; give an incorrect one (the questioner may not know the difference); be evasive; or say, "I don't know."

The leader should read to the panel a short biography of the character to be portrayed by the three group members.

The questioners may each question for one minute. At the conclusion of the questioning, each must make a decision as to which person is representing the character. Keep this moving; time your questioners; and take no more than five minutes for the entire sketch.

Second Song. *Program No. 2. Password* is a program popular with young people at the present time. Two couples are chosen from the group and will be playing against each other. The leader hands a card on which is written the same word to one member of each team. He also shows this word to the audience. The member shown the word must try to get his partner to say the word by giving one-word clues. These clues must not contain any form of the word to be guessed. The turn passes from one couple to the other after each clue and continues until the word is guessed or until each has had ten turns.
Suggested words: miracle, testament, apostle, revelation.

Third Song. *Program No. 3. Person to Person.* Here is a chance to interview your pastor or another church leader. The interviewer, who has been appointed by the leader, will have his questions prepared before the meeting. Perhaps the following might be asked. 1. Tell us the circumstances of your acceptance of the Lord? 2. Can you give some problems you faced as a young person? 3. How did you make your decision to go into the ministry? Others may be asked about where he is from, hobbies, etc.
Remember! Keep this moving—five minutes only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING: Keep this to five minutes. Use two members who will give the announcements in news fashion, alternating turns as is done on the *Huntley-Brink* news program.

PRAYER TIME: Have a time of guided silent prayer with leader asking all to pray silently for specific needs of the socie church, and world.

LEADER: We have had several brief samples of programs might see on our television sets. No invention in recent ye has taken so much of our time or has kept so many people fr doing things that should be done. It has even affected chu attendance. This evening we want to think about the set its rather than its effect on its watchers. A program is origina in a studio many miles from our homes. It travels the air-w but unless we have a television set to receive it and tune in program, it means nothing to us.

Our Lord has many blessings for us, but unless we cont Him by prayer (or are tuned in) we miss much of what has to give us.

(Suggestions on the following talks are but notes to start speaker thinking and should be enlarged upon to make abou three-minute talk.)

THE ANTENNA: (1) The placing of the antenna is import in the reception of the television picture. We also need to in the place where God wants us if we are to receive His ble ing. (2) The antenna must be clean—not corroded. A Christ needs to be a clean vessel. (Read Isaiah 66:20.) (3) T connections securing the antenna to the roof must be secu so that it will not dislodged by the wind. As Christians our f must be firmly planted, solidly grounded in the word so that might not fall—and this means prayer and Bible study.

THE CABINET: (1) We choose a cabinet to match our fu ture or one that is pleasing to the eye. Sometimes people can see the inside, to know from our hearts that we are Christia so here our looks are important because in this way too, should be pleasing to Him. We should be careful that peo who just "see" us don't say, "You'd never think SHE was Christian." (2) Our looks are important but not the most portant. Nothing is more useless than a cabinet with the wo in the repair shop.

THE WORKS: Here is the heart or the most important p of our subject tonight. (Read Matthew 23:25-26.) (1) Oft times there is one weak tube, or even more, but you still a picture. It isn't perfect, but it is a picture. We Christi often have things in our lives which keep us from giving a p fect picture for Him. (2) The picture without sound is the Christian who doesn't let anyone know it; afraid to his friends; afraid to witness.

THE SCREEN: One of the main selling points of a T. V. has always been the size of its screen. (1) That only things pearing on the screen are what are sent from the stations. screen is the way people see Christ in us and the only th we show is what comes from Christ. When our sets are not perfect working order, we get snow and interference on screen. (2) Our lines of communication with Christ must kept clear and open that there be no interference from thi in our everyday life. We must know God hears our pray and that we understand what He wants us to know.

Topics FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

Topic 2 in a Unit: Becoming a Christian

Power-Packed People

Romans 8:1-11

Preparation Chart

Topic studied?	.....
Notice in church bulletin?	.....
Cards mailed?	.....
Poster made?	.....
Special music arranged?	.....
Talks distributed?	.....
Hymn numbers to pianist and song leader?	.....
Is your Leader's Talk ready?	.....

'oster Suggestion

At the top of the poster, write in ırge letters, *POWER-PACKED PEO-LE.* At the left, down the side, place ıe pictures of an athlete, singer, doctor, nd speaker. Opposite these pictures: *VE LIKE THEM; THEY STIR US; 'HEY SERVE US; THEY CHAL-ENGE US.* At the bottom, across the age, *WILL YOU HAVE A POWER-ACKED LIFE?* In smaller letters, in line below, give the name of the eader, time, and special music.

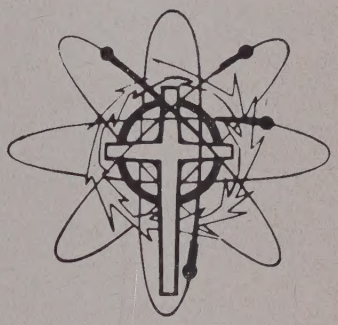
eader's Introduction

Our Scripture tonight shows the dif-erence between the two ways of life, ne of which we must choose. It talks bout those who live for the flesh, that , evil, worldly living, and those who ve for the finer, spiritual things which repare us for the higher life which is head. You see, the world is the kinder-arten stage of our existence. Here we arn lessons which are intended to get s ready for life beyond death. These odies in which we live are only tem-orary. They will get old and wear out, nd then we will pass into new, spiritual odies, which are equipped for living the world beyond. In these fleshly odies, we are earth-bound. Gravity olds us down. Even when astronauts o out into space, they can only go a ttle distance. They could not reach the earest star (not planet) in a whole fetime of travel.

We young people have not lived very ıany years yet, but all of us have seen ıose whose lives seem to be filled ith power. They have radiant per-ınalities, and what they say and do ıfluences everybody around them. We re thrilled by such people, and wish ıat we could be like them. We can be ke them if we let our lives be filled ith divine power. Our topic this eve-ing is *Power-Packed People.* Let us see ow we can have great power in our wn lives.

Talks on the Topic

1. *(Please tell in your own words.)* If we are going to have power-packed lives, we have to be connected with power. Every house has electric light fixtures installed, and they are perfect in every way, but it is only when the button is pushed that they connect up with power, and then shine in all their glory. All normal people are equipped to shine out, but many do not, because they are not connected with spiritual power provided by the Holy Spirit. You could find some young people who are twins, that look so much alike that people can hardly tell them apart, except for their lives. One, who is not a Christian, is evil and worldly. He lives among wicked companions, lies, steals, swears, tells dirty stories, hates, and does other things. Nobody trusts him, or respects him, and he has no power in his life. His brother, however, has let the light of God shine through his soul. He is clean, honorable, and wise. People are drawn to him, and like him because he is genuinely good. His life has become filled with power.



2. *(Please tell in your own words.)* Our daily Bible readings this week had a paragraph about the Holy Ghost coming to dwell within us. The meaning of words change with time. Several hundred years ago, when the King James Version of the Bible came off the press, "Holy Ghost" really meant "Holy Guest." Today the word "ghost" means the soul of a dead person, so we often use "Holy Spirit" instead, for the Holy Spirit has never been dead. He is a real Person, a Person of the Godhead or Holy Trinity. His business is to lead people to accept Christ, and after that, to help them grow in the Christian life. He is a divine Guest whom we may invite to be with us in our daily lives, who will help us with all our problems. We can go to Him in prayer any hour of the day and He is ready to do for us what we need. We should thank God for this heavenly Helper, and call on Him often. He will give power to our lives.

3. *(Please tell in your own words.)* When our Scripture tonight mentions about us walking according to the Spirit instead of the worldly life of the flesh, it is pointing out to us the way of happiness. When people live fleshly lives, they simply live like animals, and instead of it bringing them lasting joy,

(Continued on next page)

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Psalm 89:1
Hymn: *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart*
Responsive Reading No. 10, in New *Christian Endeavor Songs*
Hymn: *I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go*
Prayer Hymn: *Into My Heart*
Sentence Prayers, led by.....
and closed by.....
Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1-11
Leader's Introduction
Talks on the Topic
Quartet: *I Surrender All*
Consecration Service
Announcements, offering and discussion of project
Benediction

(Continued from previous page)

it causes them to have an accusing conscience, fear, guilt, and shame. They lie awake at night hating themselves for giving in to temptation, and are ashamed to look at themselves in the mirror the next morning. Instead of bringing satisfaction and peace, it causes them to have jumpy nerves, temper flareups, and bad dispositions. Right living, with the help of the Holy Spirit, makes every day a happy day, filled with good deeds and the inspiration that comes from association with God.

4. *(Please tell in your own words.)* You cannot see the wind when it passes through the air, but you can feel it and see the waving of the leaves in the trees. In like manner, you cannot see the Holy Spirit in the lives of people, but you know He is there because of what happens. They begin to be kind instead of cruel, clean-minded instead of dirty, self-controlled instead of yielding to evil, and useful instead of useless. Old habits are broken with the aid of the Holy Spirit, our great Helper, and new good habits replace them. Instead of a dull, meaningless existence, life begins to be wonderful, for we know now that we are not going to die like animals, but have everlasting life, and that is enough to inspire anybody. Jesus said, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25). Death then is not really death for Christians, but simply transferring from an earthly body to a heavenly one.

5. *(Please tell in your own words.)* The Holy Spirit gives us power for witnessing. We remember that we are Christians because for over 1900 years there has been a person-to-person winning of others without a single break, until the Gospel finally came to us. We remember, too, that in the "great commission" Jesus commanded us to pass the Gospel on to others. However, many of us are rather timid in speaking to others about Christ. We are afraid we might not say just the right thing, or that somebody would laugh at us. Let us remember that the Holy Spirit is working with us. What we say may seem to be very simple and unconvincing, but the Holy Spirit can make those words instruments of power. He can make the one we are seeking to win feel guilty of his wrong-doing, and feel the need of salvation. He can make him decide that he ought to accept Christ, be obedient in baptism, and "wash away his sins." All that is expected of us is to do our best, and let the Holy Spirit take over after that. We will often be surprised at the results.

Questions for Discussion

1. Name one power-packed person whom you admire, and tell the reason.
2. What is it that keeps young people from being power-packed?
3. Is there any danger in having great power?
4. Who can best be trusted with power?
5. How can the power of God change our lives?
6. How can man's power be controlled?
7. What part does discipline have in developing self-control?

6. *(Please tell in your own words.)* Our lives can become filled with power if the Holy Spirit guides us. In a certain mission land a young man studied the difficult language of the people, and after two years, was at last ready to preach his first sermon in words which the people could understand. After the sermon was over, a member of the congregation said to him, "We saw you before we heard you." During those two years they had been watching him. Even if he could not carry on a conversation, they saw his happy face and noted the many acts of kindness which he did to those who were in need. It was a silent, but powerful Gospel which he had been preaching. It made all of them want to listen to the message when he was prepared to give it.

7. *(Please tell in your own words.)* In one of the ancient stories of the past, "Bluebeard" was a man who married wife after wife, murdering each one, and hanging her head in a certain room. Each new wife was told that she had possession of the whole house, with the exception of one room, and that under no circumstances should she ever enter. Curiosity, however, became too great, and each did enter, to look with horror on what she saw, and soon her own head was added to the others on the wall. In the lives of many people there is a part of their life which they are not willing to surrender to God. He may enter everywhere else, but not that one spot where some secret sin is kept. God will not tolerate any unsurrendered areas. He has to have our whole life, or He will have none of it. May every part of our life be such that the Holy Spirit can be a welcome Guest.

Consecration Service

(Ask all of the active members to come to the front and stand in a half-circle before the one who is to conduct the service.)

Minister (or leader): God is the Crea and searcher of all hearts, and our li stand open before Him. When we right, He is pleased; when we do wr it hurts Him. When we repent, He glad to forgive us and give us a n chance. When we seek to serve Him blesses our lives and helps us to gr in the Christian way of life.

This evening we have studied ab our great friend and helper, the H Spirit, and we have also been think about the unsurrendered areas wh some people have in their lives. Wh heads are bowed, and eyes are clos I want all of you to search your hea to see if you do have some unsurr dered areas. Ask yourselves these qu tions.

1. Have I really been as faithful God during the past month as I sho have been? (Pause for a moment af each question.)

2. Were there times when I was sent from services when I did not ne to be?

3. Did I let my temper get the b of me occasionally?

4. Did I forget to speak some w of good cheer to a person who handicapped or downhearted?

5. Did I forget to be nice to so aged person who might have b helped?

6. Am I letting worldliness creep i my life, shutting out the Spirit of G

7. Are there things which I sho have given up that stand between and God?

8. Have I stood up for Christ, wh others were criticizing Him and church?

9. Do I truly want to be better dur the days which are ahead?

If you do truly want to be more c secrated and Christlike, will you ren your allegiance in silent prayer as wait before the Master just now. A a full minute of silence, I will close.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Feb. 24 A Better Way Coming Ezekiel 36:2
T. Feb. 25 The Coming Comforter John 14:1
W. Feb. 26 The Guiding Spirit Acts 10:1
T. Feb. 27 The Enlightening Spirit I John 2:2
F. Feb. 28 He Helps Recall Truth John 14:2
S. Feb. 29 Jesus and the Holy Spirit Matthew 3:1
Sun. Mar. 1—Topic: Power-Packed People Romans 8:

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Topic 1 in a Unit: How to Witness Personally

Too Good to Keep

Acts 4:18-21

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Prayer Service
ude: *Lord, Speak to Me, That I lay Speak*
nn: *Jesus Calls Us*
pture Reading: John 1:1-14 (from *ne Way for Modern Man,* or read sponsively from number 14 of the cripture Readings in the back of *hristian Endeavor Songs)*
nns: *Fairest Lord Jesus; Let the eauty of Jesus*
yer: Sentence prayers (ask each ac- ve member to participate if your roup is small)
nn: *He Lives*
ring and Announcements
der's Introduction
First Christian Endeavor
stion Time
trations for Discussion
sing Moments
nn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
ediction

Publicity

se a poster picturing two Junior High g people talking together. You might a photograph from a magazine, or have of your artists draw the picture.
clude *Too Good to Keep,* the time, e, etc. on the poster. Would your poster more attention if it were placed in a rent location for a change?
you haven't tried some type of in- dual publicity recently, perhaps you'd to make up miniature posters and hand nail them to all members and prospec- members.
your devotional committee plans to ibute copies of the paperback *One for Modern Man,* you could add ething about this in your verbal an- ncements.

the Leader

hoose a different person to tell in his words each of the illustrations for ission. The same person or another on may lead in the discussion of the tions that follow the illustration.
hoose another member to tell about the Christian Endeavor Society. Make e selections in time for these persons nake adequate preparation.
ive careful consideration before the ting to the questions so that you can essfully lead the question time.
ou, another member or possibly your selor should prepare to be in charge he closing moments.

Our Aims

1. To realize that every Christian has the responsibility to tell others of Jesus Christ by his life and by his words.
2. To stir up the desire to know Christ better and to witness of Him to non-Christians.

Leader's Introduction

Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, says in the folder *How To Win Youth:* "It is estimated that in America three out of four youth 12 to 24 years of age make no Christian profession and have no church affiliation. . . . the great task of all church groups is to secure personal witnesses. 'Ye shall be witnesses.' (Acts 1:8.) This is the task of every Christian and should be a real challenge to Christian Endeavorers everywhere."

Bishop Meadows also says in that same folder: "Evangelism is the very essence of Jesus' mission here in the world: 'The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.' (Luke 19:10.) Christian Endeavor's part in evangelism is 'to so present Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit that youth shall come to put their trust in God through Him—accept Him as Saviour, and serve Him as their King in the fellowship of His Church.' (John 20:21.)"

Do you know what is the first of Christian Endeavor's four basic principles? Yes, it's Confession of Christ. And the first part of Christian Endeavor's purpose is "leading young people to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord."

This has been true of Christian Endeavor since the time of its beginning 83 years ago.

The First Christian Endeavor

In January 1881 there came a real revival in the Williston Congregational Church of Portland, Maine, under the leadership of a young enthusiastic pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Francis E. Clark. More than thirty young people made decisions. The problem before this young pastor and his wife was to conserve the results of this revival and reach

other young people in the community for Christ and the Church.

A plan evolved in the mind and heart of Francis E. Clark which came into an organized form with a group of young people gathered February 2, 1881 in the parsonage of the Williston Church. Between the eating of sandwiches and cookies fresh from the oven the young people under the leadership of the pastor established the basic principles of a youth organization which came to be known as Christian Endeavor. The driving purpose was to develop the Christian life of the new converts and reach out in an organized soul winning effort to other young people of the community. This movement spread. By 1882 the first convention was held with six societies. In 1886 the International organization was formed and in 1892 when the movement was eleven years old, a convention of 35,000 met in New York City. From its beginning the movement has been definitely evangelistic in its nature and purpose.

Question Time

1. What does it mean to be a witness for Jesus Christ?
2. Should every Christian be a witness? Why?
3. Is it up to each Christian to decide whether he should witness or not? When a good soldier is given a command, does he stop and consider whether he will carry it out?
4. Is witnessing only a Christian *duty?*
5. Why can young people usually witness more effectively to other young people?
6. Do you think a person needs to know the Bible very well to be a good witness? Why?
7. What do you think of Jesus Christ?
8. How well should we know Christ if we're going to be an effective witness for Him?
9. How can you come to know Him better?
10. Have you ever asked a friend what he thinks about Jesus Christ? and why he thinks that?
11. Have you ever led anyone to Jesus Christ?

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12. What difference does it make if you don't witness to others about Christ? What difference does it make to you? to others? to Christ?

Illustrations for Discussion

No Other Plan

The story is told that after Christ returned to heaven an angel asked Christ about His plan of salvation. "How," the angel said, "will the world know of your great love and sacrifice for them?"

"Why, through the Christians," Christ answered.

"And," said the angel, "what if they fail?"

"Then," Christ said, "I have no other plan."

Do you think Christ really has any other plan? Or is His plan depending on us and other Christians? If so, what can we do to carry it out?

Why the Sudden Silence?

Eugenia Price, in her book for young people *Find Out for Yourself*, tells about what happened among a group of Christian young people in a cafeteria line, less than one hour after she'd talked to them about witnessing. The group of Christians were at the end of the line, when two highly self-conscious, much made-up girls fell in line behind them. The Christian students became suddenly silent. There wasn't another word till Miss Price asked, "What's the trouble? Why all the sudden quiet?"

One of the fellows whispered, "Oh, it's those girls back there at the end of the line. They're always trying to horn in on our group and they're no good!"

In her book, Eugenia Price asks these questions about that situation: "If these two pathetically made-up pagan girls had been trying to 'horn in,' didn't it stand to reason that they were being pursued by the very Christ these so-called followers worshiped? Weren't these Christians missing a marvelous chance to show the love of Christ to two other young people who obviously had not had the benefit of Christian backgrounds? What if the girls were 'vulgar,' as one of the more pious of the Christian group declared? Did they need to stay that way? Couldn't Christ change them, too? Didn't He say, 'Come unto Me *all* . . .'?"

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For the Committees

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: As the leaders of your society, are you setting an example for your group in telling others of Christ and encouraging them to commit themselves to Him?

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: If your group doesn't already have copies of *One Way for Modern Man*, a recent publication of the American Bible Society, perhaps you'd like to distribute copies to each member and prospective member at the close of this meeting. Illustrated with pictures of life in the modern city, it contains the Gospel of John in the contemporary language of J. B. Phillips' translation. These are available for 15c each from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y. You may wish to order extra copies for distribution to others whom your group is endeavoring to win to Christ.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: If your church is having evangelistic meetings this month, contact members and prospective members about attending these services. Perhaps your pastor will want you to work in cooperation with your church's visitation program. Share with your pastor the list of Junior High young people you are endeavoring to win to Christ and the Church. Encourage all the members of your society to do personal evangelism.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Cooperate with the Lookout and Church Activity committees in promoting participation in your church's evangelistic visitation and services. Contact the leader of this meeting or of next week's meeting to see if you can give a report of some phase of evangelism in your church's overseas missionary program.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Perhaps at the close of the devotional time at this month's social, you could have your counselor give an invitation for young people to commit themselves to Christ.

CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Check with your pastor to see if your church will have a series of evangelistic services at Easter time. If so, ask him what your society can do to help with them. Announce the services at your meetings this month. Make plans to attend as individuals and as a group on certain nights.

Why do Christian young people s times display such a thoughtless unchristian attitude and thereby opportunities to witness to other Christ and possibly turn them from by this attitude?

Is He All the World to Them?

Why do Christians sing *Jesus Is the World to Me*, and yet their lives words don't correspond?

Closing Moments

Dr. Earle W. Gates, a former p dent of the International Society Christian Endeavor, who went t with the Lord just last year, wrote words about winning others to C "There is no greater victory . . . an greater 'lift' in our spiritual lives winning a soul for Christ. To see s one come to Him, or join the ch or come to Christian Endeavor, or a better life, because of our work prayer, is to know a supreme joy."

"The greatest thing you can do you become a Christian is to win o for Christ. This can best be done consistent, radiant Christian examp your own life. Add to this a faithful ness by words as God gives you portunity. Support this always with er and love."

Have four persons read these verses: Matthew 28:19,20; James Proverbs 11:30; Daniel 12:3.

Repeat together the Christian deavor Pledge for Active Members, ing attention at the beginning or the to the part, "I will seek to bring o to Christ."

Conclude with this prayer from Elliot, one of the five martyred mis aries to the Auca Indians: *"Father, of me a crisis man. Bring those I tact to decision. Let me not be a post on a single road: make me a that men must turn one way or other on facing Christ in me."*

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Daily Bible Readings

M. Mar. 2 Scriptural Stardom Daniel
T. Mar. 3 Sharing Good News John 20
W. Mar. 4 Learning from the Master Matthew 4
T. Mar. 5 The Value of a Soul Ephesians
F. Mar. 6 The State of the Unsaved Ephesians
S. Mar. 7 The Occupation of the Wise Proverbs 11
Sun. Mar. 8—Topic: Too Good to Keep Acts 4

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Topic 2 in a Unit: How to Witness Personally

A Healthy Radiation

II Corinthians 2:14-17

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Prayer Service
ude: *Jesus Calls Us*
g: *Christ Is the Answer*
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gs: *Jesus Saves; Saved to Tell Others*
ering and Announcements
g: *I Love to Tell the Story*
pture Reading: Who Is My Neighor? (Luke 10:25-37, number 15 of cripture Readings in *Christian Endeavor Songs*)
al Solo: *An Evening Prayer*
cs on the Topic:
Big Job to Do!
Who Makes a Good Witness?
Good Place to Start
t School, Too
What Others Have Done
oo Busy for Words
sing Challenge: Today's Importance
g: *I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go*
ediction

blicity Ideas

n your poster have three or four pics of Junior High young people witing. For example, you might picture two or Highs at or on their way to school. ther picture might show a Junior High h witnessing at home to one of his ly.

erhaps you would like to place a pic of Christ in the center and have lines g from that picture to each of the witing pictures.

nclude on the poster the topic title, *Healthy Radiation* and other information ut the time, place, etc. Or you may to have the lettering on one or more rate pieces of poster paper and arged attractively with the pictures.

or a verbal announcement, have some your group pose the scenes pictured on poster.

You're the Leader . . .

Have you made the prayer of Jim ot used in the close of last week's eting your own prayer? Pray definitefor God to lead and use you in witsing of Jesus Christ to others by your and your words. Only when you e done that can He use you to lead meeting effectively.

Before inviting members to speak for rist, introduce this part of the pron with brief comments such as these:

Our Aim

To consider how to witness for Christ effectively.

For most Christians, the easiest place to speak of Jesus Christ is in church among Christian friends. Giving a testimony for Christ in Christian Endeavor should help you to give a testimony some place else to a person who is not a Christian. Would you like to say briefly something about the Lord Jesus Christ or what He has done for you recently?

Arrange for the Scripture reading to be presented by having one person be the narrator, another Christ, and another the lawyer.

Talks on the Topic

A Big Job to Do!

According to the figures in the 1963 *World Almanac,* we have a world population of 3,060,800,000. Of this number 904,332,500 are listed as Christians. (This includes Roman Catholics: 550,350,000; Eastern Orthodox: 137,033,500; and Protestants: 216,949,000.) That means there is only one Protestant Christian among each 14 people.

In the United States just a little over ⅛ of the population claim to be Protestant Christians. In North America, less than ⅛ of the people are Protestant Christians. Less than half of the people in our world today have heard the story of Jesus.

Quite obviously, we Christians have a big job to do! While we could probably use more Billy Grahams, what is really needed more is for every Christian to be a witness. One of the greatest joys and satisfactions any of us can ever experience is to help someone become a follower of Christ.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider how we can witness for Christ more effectively.

Who Makes a Good Witness?

Give each person a pencil and paper and ask them to write down the qualities that make a person a good witness for Christ. For example, humility.

When three minutes are up, ask them to select from their lists the one or two qualities that they think are most important and tell what they are. If your group is small, perhaps you will want them to read their entire list.

A Good Place to Start

In many cases it's not the easiest place to begin witnessing for Christ, but if members of your family are not Christians, your home is a good place to start.

One of our members, _____, is going to tell about his (or her) family's devotional times.

_____ will tell us what he (or she) had done to witness for Christ at home and so helped to win his (or her) _____ to Christ.

Christiana Tsai, a member of a prominent Chinese family, became a Christian when she was a young person. This displeased her Buddhist family very much, and one of her older brothers said bitterly, "You have disgraced the whole family!" Then he snatched a Bible and hymnbook from her hand, tore them up and threw the pieces in her face.

If you had been Christiana, what do you think you would have done? (Give opportunity for answers.)

In her autobiography, *Queen of the Dark Chamber,* she tells what followed. Though she was shocked by this behavior of her brother, she said nothing and silently looked to God. Thinking of what Jesus had done for her, she knew she could suffer this for Him.

Within a few years her mother and others of her family as well as some of her friends became Christians through her influence.

At School, Too

Bob is captain of his school's basketball team. He's an all "A" student, and has many friends. After their team won the city tournament, Bob had a party at

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his home for all the team and several others in their Junior High. Though Dick had been on the team with Bob for the last two years, that was the first time he'd ever been to Bob's home.

After that party the two fellows became closer friends. At first Dick didn't say anything to Bob about being a Christian, going to church, and that sort of thing. When he finally did, Bob was quite interested and wanted to talk more about such matters. And the first time Dick invited him to a church activity, Bob went.

Bob's interest in Christ and the church surprised Dick, for neither Bob nor any of his family went to church. Why do you think Bob was interested? Why do you think Dick was surprised? Do you think he should have been?

Do you suppose that there are girls and fellows at your school who would like to have someone talk to them about Christ and His way?

What Others Have Done

One young people's group had a splendid social meeting in the home of a friend one evening; then sang choruses and hymns for a brief period and led toward a beautiful and impressive candlelight service. It is hard to know what to call it, a party or a prayer meeting, but it ended up that each individual had selected a name of an unsaved person to pray for and to endeavor to lead to Christ.

A high school society had a hayride on a Saturday night before a series of evangelistic meetings. It ended in a fireside circle prayer and consecration time. This resulted in one of the group giving his heart to Christ and several teams accepting names of unchurched youth that were to be the subject of prayer and visitation.

Too Busy for Words

At a New Year's eve watch-night service, Jean had resolved to be, the Lord helping her, a better witness for Him. Just a few days later she was in a train depot waiting for a train to take her back to school. It was an hour late.

While waiting she noticed a young, weary-looking mother sitting across from her. And remembering her recent resolve, she decided to give this woman a tract and talk to her about Christ.

But when Jean arose to go over to her, the mother jumped from her seat to stop one of her young sons from spraying water from the drinking fountain. On her way back to her seat, the woman rescued her younger boy from the top of a pile of luggage.

When she was seated again, Jean thought now was the time to speak to her. However, her plans were interrupted again when a thump and a cry announced that the smaller boy had fallen from the bench. Impulsively Jean leaped to her feet and offered to help the tired mother. For the rest of the hour Jean entertained the boys and their mother had a brief rest.

When Jean got on the train she remembered her intention to witness. *Oh,* she thought, *I didn't say a word for the Lord, or even leave a tract.* About the only thing she had told the woman was her name and that her father was the pastor of one of the churches in the city.

What do you think? Did Jean witness for Christ at all?

Questions to Consider

1. If it appears that the person to whom you're witnessing isn't interested in knowing about Christ and the Christian way, should you forget about him and witness to someone else?

2. Do you have on your prayer list as a society and as individuals the names of young people to whom you should witness and endeavor to win for Christ and the Church?

3. How important is it for a Christian witness to be a sincerely friendly person? How can you befriend young people not members of your Christian Endeavor group or your close friends?

Closing Challenge

During a missionary service a Christian young man felt a strong urge to go as a missionary to tell those who had never heard of Jesus. A little later during the service he realized that it mattered little what the Lord wanted him to do ten years from then and that what God wanted was a consecrated heart and life through which He could work today.

When Polycarp, an early Christian pastor, was arrested and told to say, "Caesar is Lord," he refused. Then he was ordered to denounce Christians and curse Christ. In response, he said, "Curse Him? Never. Eighty-six years have I served Him and He never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?"

The Roman proconsul retorted, "Nonsense! You forget I have the power to throw you to the lions." "Then call them," said Polycarp calmly.

The proconsul was enraged. "So sneer at my lions. Then I'll have burned to death." "Me? That's bey your power, Roman. Only my bo "So be it," snapped the proconsul.

A little later as Polycarp stood, to a stake, ignoring everyone, he lo thanked God for the privilege of d for Christ.

Do you know that there have more Christian martyrs in the last years than there were in the first years of the history of the Chris Church?

Would you remain true to Christ if you were called upon to for Him? Are you true to Him by li for Him?

Calling All Committees

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: In eva ing the activities of your society, do carefully consider what your group is ing in fulfilling one of Christian Endea most important purposes—that of win other young people to Christ? How m Junior Highs became Christians and a members of your society in the last months?

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Per you would like to plan for a candle consecration service as a part of the ing challenge of this meeting.

Has your society had a training co in personal evangelism in the last two y If not, perhaps you'd like to ask your p about conducting such a course for yo

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: To assist members of your society in remembe to pray for certain individuals you're deavoring to win to Christ, you might vide prayer folders on which are pro from God's Word on prayer and spac write in names of persons to pray for. gest particular persons for them to inc

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Rem your society to pray for the evange work of your church's missionaries. them about specific needs.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Remember give special invitations to your social young people you're trying to win to C Coming to one or more of these ma their first step toward Christ.

CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: something definite to encourage unchur young people in your community to a church on Palm and Easter Sundays.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Mar. 9 Service with Purpose I Corinthians 9:
T. Mar. 10 Christians in the World John 17
W. Mar. 11 A Chance Acquaintance Is W John 4
T. Mar. 12 Singing Saints and a Se Sinner Acts 16:
F. Mar. 13 Light Transmitted Matthew 5:
S. Mar. 14 Effective Joy Psalm 51
Sun. Mar. 15—Topic: A Healthy Radiation II Corinthians 2:

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Convenient Discipleship

John 12:12, 13; 19:14-16

(Palm Sunday)

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude
Prayer
Announcements and offering
Hymns: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name; Are Ye Able, Said the Master*
Scripture Reading: John 12:12,13; 19:14-16
Leader's Introduction
Topic Talk
Special Music: Ask a member of your group to sing *Were You There?*
Counselor's Challenge
Closing Chorus: *We Choose Christ*
Benediction

ublicity and Promotion

Use your publicity committee to prepare nd display posters to advertise this meet-g. Use the theme of Hear Ye, Hear Ye ith a picture of the old town crier. In-rmation about the meeting will appear irectly under the theme.

or the Counselor

At the end of the *Topic Talk* and *Discus-on* the counselor should be prepared to mmarize the topic and issue a challenge. his may well be done by pointing out how warding, worthwhile, and necessary it is stand for Christ and the Church even youth must stand alone. He may con-ude by showing ways in which Junior ighs can find strength to stand for Him. lso, he may want to offer an opportunity r Junior Highs to dedicate themselves in ne with the closing chorus.

Group Activities

Several activities present themselves r the month of March. If you have ot yet secured a copy of *Guide for AC-ION 1963-64* for this year order it om International Society of Christian ndeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Co-mbus, Ohio 43216.

If your church does not plan to have owers or palms for Palm Sunday and aster your society might well do a rvice by arranging for this.

You might also organize a personal ntact group to talk with others about ceptance of Christ and membership Christ's Church. If your church is orking at this, as a part of the overall rogram, your society might volunteer r service and work under the direction the church leaders.

o the Leader

There are many ways to develop pics and stress points of particular eed. This planning is left largely to the ader, under the direction of the coun-lor. Since this topic is built around notion, both at the triumphant entry nd at the trial, it might be good to try le-playing to stress the point. Role-laying is a spontaneous discussion by vo or more people. In the first part of ne Scripture we see joyous praise of a ictor entering His city. In the second art we see the same people rise to eights of emotional display toward a ader whom they are rejecting. By le-playing both of these events we can see the change of emotion and better understand the actual situation.

Leader's Introduction

To understand the emotion of the people we must understand the history of their times. Jesus had come into the world and declared Himself the Son of God. He had performed miracles. He had taught a better way of life. He had said that He would give abundant life and freedom. The people had thought that He would become their king and free them from the yoke of their Roman oppressors. When He came into the Holy City they thought He had come to establish His earthly kingdom. Days passed during that week and Jesus did not move toward rebellion and revolution. Those who had welcomed Him now were filled with doubt. When Jesus was arrested and went to trial He did not defend Himself. He did not act like a conqueror. The people felt that they had been misled. Now their cry was raised against Him. This is the basis for today's study.

Talks on the Topic

Palms of Praise

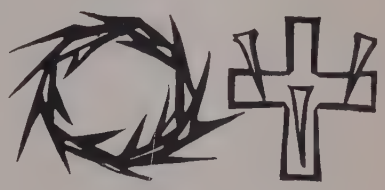
The city of Jerusalem has been the scene of many earthshaking events. In the days of David and Solomon it was the center of wisdom and religion. It was the location of the great temple of worship built by Solomon. After the destruction of Solomon's temple others were built.

Now the city again rings with joy and praise of God through His Son. Jesus came to the city for the great feast of the Passover. His followers thought that He had come to acclaim Himself king over them. They thought that their bondage to Rome was at an end.

When Jesus neared the city His followers gathered to welcome Him. They wanted to express praise to Him. The spreading of palms was for this purpose.

The Teacher and Leader

Jesus began His ministry after His baptism by John the Baptist. He had taught in the synagogues, on the seacoast, and every place He could find someone to listen. He had performed miracles: healed the sick, cleansed the leper, turned water into wine, and many other such things. Now His teaching was almost over. He came to the Holy City as the final place of His leadership.



Enter, the King of Kings

Jesus came to the city as a great man. He had said that He was the king of the Jews. To the people He was a victor. He was their champion for release from the oppression of the Romans. No other man had dared to teach and work against the power of Rome. No man had dared to argue with the Roman leaders. No man had been able to stand against the military organization of the Roman army. Jesus alone had faced the power of Rome and defied Roman authorities.

Waving the Flag

It was easy to carry a palm and wave the flag when Jesus appeared to be a victor. It was easy to go with the crowd when it appeared that there was no danger of violence. It was easy to be swept along with emotion when no power was present to offer resistance.

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It appeared that the man from Nazareth would set up a kingdom free from the bondage of the Roman world. The entire Jewish population would rise to wave the flag for Him.

Days of Doubt

Monday brought no new development. Resistance did not develop. Neither did Jesus rise to declare Himself king.

Tuesday dawned and still nothing more had been done toward freedom. The Roman soldiers were still policing the Holy City. Jesus appeared but made no further move toward a free government.

Wednesday Jesus did not appear. Doubt must have started to creep into the minds of the people.

Thursday, and still no move from the new king. Jesus talked only with those who were closest to Him. He prepared only to take part in the feast of the Passover. When would He move to free His people?

Doubt must have turned to decision when Jesus was arrested. He made no move to justify His actions and teachings. What kind of King was this to be? Those who had followed Him must now make their decision to stand or they must keep quiet to avoid arrest and trial with Him. The Scripture tells of their decision.

Victor or Vanquished

The triumphant entry seemed to place Jesus in the position of victor. His activity during Holy Week made it seem that He was in the class of the vanquished. It appeared to many of His followers that His leadership had failed. Naturally, they wanted to be with a winner. For this reason the followers of Jesus turned away from Him. They did not want to suffer with Him. They wanted only to reign with Him in victory.

The Truth

The truth about Jesus was not what it seemed. He was not to be vanquished. He was destined to be victor, even though it was not as His followers had thought. Through His death He was to have the greatest victory. Through His suffering He was to bring freedom. Not freedom from the Roman oppressors, but freedom from sin. By dying on the cross He would bring life to all who would believe.

The Turncoat's Reward

Those who turned against Jesus received their just reward. Their failure to follow Him and stand with Him in His trying hour robbed them of their eternal reward with Him. Judas Iscariot went out and hanged himself because he had betrayed the Master. Peter went out and wept bitterly when he knew that he had failed his Lord. So it is with people today. Those who turn against Jesus, those who fail Him must answer for their failure. His requirement is that His followers must stand for Him even though they stand alone.

Items to Discuss

1. The danger of becoming involved with groups who do not live for Christ and the Church.

2. Ways to avoid being led into evil by the wrong group.

3. How a decision for Christ will help in this life.

4. The requirements for service in Christ's Church.

Stand Alone, but Stand

The story of this lesson is a warning and also a promise to us. If the followers of Jesus had stood with Him on the day of His trial and crucifixion they would have received a rich reward. A few friends in His trying hour would have been a great help to our Lord. God will bless all who stand for Him in this modern day. It is easy to move with the crowd. It is easy to do what friends expect us to do. This, however, is not always the right thing to do. Sometimes our friends are wrong. When this happens we must be ready and willing to stand for Christ even though it means giving up some of our friends. When we stand alone we still must stand for the things we know to be right.

Brave in the Face of Danger

In World War I a young man from Tennessee became a great hero. In the heat of battle this young man faced the enemy when his friends were dying all around him. Single-handed he turned a defeat into victory. Why? This young man was brave. He stood alone and fought alone, but he stood and fought. When he was drafted into the army he did not want to go. He did not want to fight people whom he had never seen. He did not believe in killing. He believed in God. In battle, however, he killed to stop the slaughter of his friends and buddies. Read the story of his life. Get the book from your local library. His name is Sgt. Alvin York.

Source of Strength

The source of all strength is God. We can find that strength in several different ways. The two best ways of course a prayer and Bible study. Without thes we can have little spiritual strengt Strength stems from a true faith in Go but that faith must be cultivated b study and prayer.

We need a great faith to witness t people who are unfriendly. Only wit much spiritual strength and love ca we face an unfriendly world and te them about our Christ. This witnessin however, will give us more strength a we continue to do it. We grow with th work we do. Just as our physical bodie grow and gain strength with exercise s will our spiritual life grow when w exercise our right to witness.

I Choose Christ

Many people in the world today d not follow the pattern of Jesus' friend in Jerusalem. Many today stand eve if they have to stand alone. Many do— but what about YOU? Our counselo will issue a challenge at the close of th discussion. We will sing the choru *We Choose Christ.* If you have not a cepted Him as your personal Saviou now is the time for this great decisio If you are not a part of His Church no is the time to decide and declare you self. Now is the time to stand, even you stand alone. Let the motto of Chri tian Endeavor become your mott Decide to spend your life "For Chri and the Church."

Daily Bible Readings

M. Mar. 16 Words Are Not Enough
James 2:18-

T. Mar. 17 Seeing but Not Believing
Matthew 27:36-

W. Mar. 18 Not Seeing but Believing
Luke 18:35-

T. Mar. 19 Forsaking Distractions
Luke 14:25-

F. Mar. 20 Obedience Indicates Faithfulnes
John 8:31-

S. Mar. 21 Weakness and Weeping
Matthew 26:69-

Sun. Mar. 22—Topic: Convenient Discipleship
John 12:12,13; 19:14-

(Palm Sunday)

Comments by Rev. Clive Cooper, assistant mi ister of the Cleveland Avenue Baptist Church Kansas City, Missouri

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from the new CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 60c each, $6 per dozen, $48 per hundred.

On the Witness Stand

Acts 10:39-41

(Easter)

or the Leader and Counselor

Every effort should be made to make is one of the best meetings of the year. ince it is Easter, there will probably be any young people present who do not ttend regularly. This is your chance to npress them with a well prepared and ell presented program. But even more imortant, this is your chance to impress them ith the truth and importance of the ospel of Christ!

The bulk of the meeting consists of testiony by people who saw the risen Christ. owever, the Leader's Conclusion is of qual importance, for it presents our role witnesses today.

This might be a good chance to ask ur minister to have a part in your proram. He could present the final part of e *Leader's Conclusion*—the challenge to witnesses for Christ today. He might so stress the importance of making a decion to accept Christ as personal Saviour, there will be those present who have not one so. Easter would be a most appropriе time to accept Him.

The closing consecration hymn and ntence prayers should offer each person resent the opportunity to rededicate himlf to witnessing daily for Christ.

Interest might be added to the meeting y having the Bible characters dressed in ppropriate costumes. Another possibility ould be to set up the room like a courtom, with a judge's stand for the leader, itness box, and the audience as jury.

The Scripture passages given with each ible character do not need to be read the meeting. They have been covered the daily Bible readings, and are retold y the characters. They are given as a iblical source for each witness' testimony.

Since this is an especially glorious day the church, it is a good chance to use instrumental soloist or ensemble for spe-al music.

eader's Introduction

Seeing is believing! Think how many mes you have said, "I know that's ue, I saw it with my own eyes," or, 'd better go see for myself." We deend upon our sight to provide us with ccurate, reliable information and knowldge.

When we are not able to see someing for ourselves, the next best thing to hear about it from someone who id see it. If you have ever attended session of court, or have watched a V courtroom drama, you know how nportant the eyewitness is in proving hether or not an event took place.

Today we celebrate Christ's resurection from the grave. We were not

present 2,000 years ago to witness this event. Our knowledge of it depends upon the statements of others who were eyewitnesses, who saw and talked with Christ after He had died, been buried, and risen again.

Tonight we are going to hear the testimony of several of these witnesses.

Witnesses' Testimony

Guard at the Tomb

(Matthew 27:62-28:15)

I am one of the men who guarded the tomb of Jesus many years ago. It was Passover time, and Jerusalem was crowded with people. Since this man Jesus had promised to rise from the grave, the chief priests and Pharisees asked for permission from Pilate to have the sepulchre sealed and guarded, so His followers wouldn't be able to steal His body, and then claim He had risen.

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, several women came to the grave. They had been followers of Jesus. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, and an angel appeared and rolled back the stone that was in front of the tomb. The angel's "countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow." At first we shook with fear, but then were afraid to move, and stood frozen in place, as if dead.

The angel spoke to the women, saying, "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

The women then went running to tell His disciples what had happened. In the meantime, we who had been guarding the tomb went into the city to the chief priests and told them what had taken place. They held a meeting with the elders, and finally offered us money, if we would promise not to tell the truth, but to say that His followers had stolen the body while we slept. We accepted the money, and told no one what we had really seen.

Mary Magdalene

(John 20:1-18)

When Jesus was crucified I thought the world had come to an end. I was there and saw Him hanging on the cross. He had changed my life when He cast out the demons that possessed me more than a year before, but now I was seeing Him being treated as a common criminal.

Early on the first day of the week I went to the tomb. It was still dark, but I could see that the stone had been rolled back. Quickly I ran to tell Peter and John, and they went to the tomb immediately to see what had happened. We assumed that someone had taken the body.

I remained behind when they left. As I wept, I stooped down and looked into the sepulchre and saw two angels sitting where the body had lain. They asked why I wept, and I answered that it was because I didn't know where they had taken our Lord's body.

Then as I turned away, I saw a man standing in front of me. He said, "Wom-

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Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Luke 24:46-48
Song Service: Use hymns which tell of the Triumphant Christ, such as *He Lives, Christ Arose, Praise Him! Praise Him!,* etc.
Responsive Scripture Reading: The Living Christ, number 8, *Christian Endeavor Songs* (I Corinthians 15:1-22)
Announcements and Offering
Special Music
Topic Presentation
Consecration Hymn: *Living for Jesus*
Sentence Prayers
Benediction

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an, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?"

I thought that He was the gardener and pleaded that He tell me where they had taken the body.

Then He simply said, "Mary," and I knew at once that it was Jesus, and that He had risen from the grave.

I went immediately to tell the other disciples that I had seen and talked with our risen Lord!

Cleopas

(Luke 24:13-35)

Since Jesus' death, we who had been His disciples talked of nothing else. Needless to say, we were greatly saddened, since we had believed that Jesus was the Messiah.

On the first day of the week, another disciple and I were walking to Emmaus, a town nearly eight miles from Jerusalem. As we talked about all that had taken place, we were joined by a stranger. He asked what we were talking about, and seemed unaware of all that had been going on in Jerusalem. We explained to Him that Jesus, a great prophet, and the one whom we had believed to be the promised Messiah, had been crucified. We also told Him of the strange disappearance of His body from the tomb.

And then this stranger began to explain to us all the prophecies from the Scriptures concerning the Messiah, and how it was foretold that He would suffer these things.

We invited Him to stay with us for the evening, for we were very impressed with His knowledge of the Scriptures.

As we sat at the meal table, He took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to us. Suddenly we realized that this man was Jesus, the risen Christ. Then He disappeared, as quickly as He had come. We left immediately for Jerusalem to tell the others that we had seen Christ.

Thomas

(John 20:19-29)

I was one of the 12 apostles, who knew Christ best during His ministry. His death was hard for me to take! After all these years of believing that He was God's Son, and suddenly He had been crucified; He had died as a mortal man.

Several days after His death, others of the apostles came to me and told me a fantastic story. They claimed to have seen Christ alive, after He had been dead three days. This was more than I could believe, and I told them I would believe when I saw Him myself.

More than a week after His crucifixion I was with the other disciples, and again they tried to convince me that they had seen Jesus. Suddenly, Jesus appeared out of nowhere. He stood among us and said to me, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing."

I realized that I was in the presence of the living Son of God, and fell to my knees and worshipped Him.

Paul

(Acts 9:1-18)

My name is Paul, though earlier I was called Saul. I hate to think of those days when I was a young man. I was an enthusiastic and active persecutor of the followers of Jesus of Nazareth. To me they were troublemakers who threatened to undermine the authority of the Law. I was present when one of them was stoned to death by members of the council.

It was after this that I received permission from the high priest to go to Damascus and round up all these "Christians" that I could, and to bring them bound to Jerusalem. So I set out, with several others, for Damascus.

When we got close to the city, a brilliant light suddenly shone from heaven, brighter than the noonday sun. I fell to the earth, and heard a voice say, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

I asked who was speaking to me, and the voice answered, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks."

I was astonished and asked what He wanted me to do. The Lord said, "Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do."

The men who were with me were speechless, for they didn't know what was happening. When the light disappeared, I could not see, so the others had to lead me into the city.

There I waited for three days, until a man named Ananias came to me, made me to see again, and baptized me.

This was the turning point in my life, for I became a servant of Christ, and preached His Gospel to many people in many lands.

Leader's Conclusion

We have heard the testimony of five witnesses—people who saw the risen Christ. Often in the courtroom one eyewitness is enough to prove a case. Yet the Bible has given us these five witnesses, and goes on to say that "I was seen of above five hundred brethr at once" (I Corinthians 15:6). Ev though we have not seen Christ, t overwhelming evidence of eyewitnes convinces us of the fact of His resurr tion.

When Thomas finally saw Christ a believed, Christ said "Thomas, becau thou hast seen me, thou hast believe blessed are they that have not seen, a yet have believed" (John 20:29). was referring to us in the last part this verse, for we are the ones who ha not seen, but still have believed.

The word witness really has t meanings. We have already seen that witness is one who sees an event ta place. But a witness is also one w speaks in behalf of a cause. While did not see Christ's resurrection ta place, we can speak in behalf of t risen Christ.

II Corinthians 5:20 tells us that are Christ's ambassadors on earth, a that God makes His appeal to m through us. Christ was speaking to as well as to the disciples, when said, "Go ye into all the world, a preach the gospel to every creatu (Mark 16:15).

Alternate Program Idea

If there is a lawyer in your local chur perhaps he could be invited to tell ab the trials of Jesus, and the importance the eye witnesses as proof of His resurr tion.

Suggested Activities

No doubt your church will be havi many special services during this seas Be sure that the members of your gro are participating in these.

Sometimes invalids and shut-ins remembered at Christmas and forgott for the rest of the year. How about "Easter caroling party," in which y could visit these people and sing t triumphant songs of victory over deat

Daily Bible Readings

M. Mar. 23 Seen by Many
I Corinthians 15:
T. Mar. 24 Money Buys a False Report
Matthew 28:11
W. Mar. 25 A Belated Disciple Acts 9:
T. Mar. 26 Touch and Believe John 20:26
F. Mar. 27 The Society of Burning Hearts
Luke 24:25
S. Mar. 27 Tell Others Mark 16:1
Sun. Mar. 29—Topic: On the Witness Stand
Acts 10:39
(Easter)

Comments by Stephen Jacoby a student at O State University, Columbus, Ohio

Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Topic 2 in a Unit: Becoming a Christian

Receiving the Spirit

John 14:15-26; Acts 2:1-13

or Publicity

Make posters using in bold letters, *The pirit of God.* Then in smaller face, *Friend . . . Companion . . . . Guide.* Then the uestion, *Do You Know Him?* Add, of ourse, the place, time of meeting, etc. The ame wording could be used on postal cards, ending one to each member.

On the Wednesday evening before the eeting, attend the prayer meeting of the hurch, and ask special prayer for the meetng, inviting older folk to come.

o the Leader

1. Ask in prayer for very special guidance r this meeting. The topic is a most imortant one, that may well influence the piritual life of every one present for his ntire lifetime. You will need the leading nd guidance of Him concerning whom ou study, as never before.

2. At least *two weeks* before the meetng time request time from the leader of iat week to ask every one to prayerfully onsider his most important question on ie Holy Spirit and bring that question, ritten out, to hand in the next week.

3. *One week* before the meeting collect ie questions requested the previous week. ssign also seven of the most serious and apable leaders to carefully study the folowing Scripture passages, and to come preared to take part in the *Seminar Session* n the basis of their study of the assigned assages: John 14:15-26; John 16:7-14; cts 1:1-8; Acts 2:1-13; Romans 8:1-17; Corinthians 2:9-16; Galatians 5:15-25. Challenge them to gain a thorough knowldge of the deep meaning of the passages, nd suggest that they use books on Bible octrine, commentaries, and information rom Bible teachers, professors, or the astor.

4. Use every possible means at your disosal to discover all you can about these assages, particularly the ones which make p the specific lesson for today.

5. Secure the attendance and interest of he pastor, or of the professor of Bible octrine at a nearby Bible college or semiary, if you are fortunate enough to have uch a school near you.

6. Invite any Bible teachers in your hurch to be present at the meeting, and sk them to take part in the seminar.

7. Prepare to moderate the seminar ourself, or secure another person (peraps an older person) who might be articularly well equipped to do so.

Leader's Introduction

I want to welcome our pastor, and various visitors, who will take part in our seminar this evening. I asked you, two weeks ago, to consider questions about the Holy Spirit of God, and to hand them in last Sunday. I want to thank each of you who handed in a question. Last Sunday I asked seven of you to carefully study a great passage concerning the Holy Spirit, and be prepared to discuss it in our *Seminar Session* this evening. We want to base our discussion on your questions, and on the study by the seven who will lead our thinking.

Each Christian is the product of the work of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord to Nicodemus testified that we must be born of the Holy Spirit, or we cannot enter the kingdom of God. St. Paul in Romans testified that if any one have not the Holy Spirit, he is none of His.

But our chief interest this evening is in the Holy Spirit as He is with us in our lives today. That last night in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, Jesus told His disciples that He must go away and that they would see Him no more on earth. But He promised to send them "another Comforter," to take His place. The word translated "Comforter" means an *advocate,* or "one called along side to help." The same word is used of Christ in I John 2:1, and is there translated "Advocate." Thus Jesus is now our Advocate in Heaven, but the Holy Spirit is our Advocate on earth.

We believe our speakers will throw important light from the Scriptures on the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives now.

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

The New Testament has a great deal to say about the Holy Spirit of God. Yet, the study concerning Him seems to be one of the most neglected. But a knowledge of His Person and work is most important to the individual Christian life. There is no true spirituality apart from the Spirit of God.

It seems necessary to emphasize that He is a Person. The Godhead subsists in three Persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is true that He (the Spirit) does not speak from Himself or about Himself (John 16:13, 14), but He is come into the world to glorify Christ.

Also, the Greek word for *Spirit* is in the *neuter gender* (remember that the New Testament was originally written in Greek). In many foreign languages most nouns have gender, and proper names are often neuter. Since the word *spirit* is neuter, sometimes the Authorized Version translates the pronouns from the original Greek as neuter (as in Romans 8:16,26). The translation would be more accurate if the personal pronoun were used, and has been corrected in later versions. It is most significant that in several places the rules of grammar in the Greek are broken to put a personal pronoun with a neuter noun, thus heavily emphasizing His personality (cf. John 14:16,17; 16:7-15).

The personality of the Holy Spirit is otherwise abundantly indicated in the Scriptures. He *reproves* the world (John

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Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Romans 8:9a
Hymns: *My Jesus I Love Thee; Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart; With Thy Spirit Fill Me.*
Prayers by Several (chosen before, and asked to pray for God's guidance)
Announcements and Offering
Leader's Introduction
Seminar Session
Sentence Prayers
Hymn: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*
Benediction

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16:8); He *teaches* (John 14:26); He *speaks* (Galatians 4:6); He *leads* (Galatians 5:18); He *intercedes* (Romans 8:26); He *appoints* (Acts 13:2). He is affected as a person by others: He is *sent* by the Father (John 14:16) and by the Son (John 16:7); He may be *grieved* by Christians (Ephesians 4:30); He may be *quenched* (resisted— I Thessalonians 5:19); He may be *lied to* (Acts 5:3); He may be *spoken against* (Matthew 12:32).

The Holy Spirit is God. He is identified as God in the Bible just as surely as is God the Father, and God the Son. He is called God in Acts 5:3,4. He has the attributes of God (cf. I Corinthians 12:8-11). God in three Persons presents to our minds a mystery that we cannot solve. Bible teachers call this the Doctrine of the Trinity.

Some people have foolishly declared that because they cannot understand such a thing, they will not believe it. Some have even said they will not believe anything that they cannot understand. But there are countless things about us that we do not understand which we are glad to receive, and believe them. We don't understand the nature of light, yet we believe in it. We don't understand the structure of matter, or the force of gravity. We have theories about these things; we are studying and seeking to understand. But we are glad to believe in them.

The Holy Spirit is said to have a birthday. In ages past the Holy Spirit was in the world as the Omnipresent One, but He came into the world on the Day of Pentecost to remain in the world for a divinely appointed but unrevealed time. When Christ was here on earth the Holy Spirit affected a special ministry in relationship to Christ in regard to His advent (Luke 1:35), through His life, and in the sacrifice on the Cross (Hebrews 9:14).

The Work of the Holy Spirit

The work of the Holy Spirit changed specifically when Christ came into the world, and must of necessity be different since the cross. The Bible speaks more in detail of His work since the cross than His work at any other time.

He is said to personally indwell each Christian (John 14:16; cf. I Corinthians 6:19). He is further said to indwell the whole Church as a growing temple of living stones (Ephesians 2:18-22).

He has two separate ministries to the world (non-Christians). One of these is personal, within the heart of every person who is not a Christian. This all-important work is described in John 16:7-11 as a ministry of "reproving" (perhaps a better word would be *convicting*) the world of unbelief in Christ.

The other ministry to the world of Christ-rejecting men is through the Body of Christ, the Church. We understand this to be meant in II Thessalonians 2:7. Jesus spoke of His disciples as being the "salt of the earth." It is in this ministry of the Holy Spirit through the Church that the preserving action of the salt takes place.

The New Testament mentions five ministries of the Holy Spirit to the child of God. Four of these ministries are done by the Spirit of God quite apart from emotion or knowledge of the believer, save as he reads in the Scriptures what God has done for him.

One of these ministries is the *new birth* (regeneration) itself. Christ said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God . . . . That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:3,6).

Another ministry of the Holy Spirit to the Christian is *indwelling*. Christ promised to pray the Father to send the Holy Spirit to take His place when He returned to Heaven. Thus the Holy Spirit would be "another Comforter," who would not go away as He (Christ) went away, but would "abide with you for ever" (John 14:16).

Also there is the work of *sealing* (II Corinthians 1:22) by which the permanent mark of the Spirit Himself is forever placed on the child of God; and the work of *baptizing*, by which the child of God, when he believes, is once for all placed "in Christ" (I Corinthians 12:13).

Only one work of the Holy Spirit in the heart of the child of God is experimental, and should be continual. It is the work of *infilling* for power and service. Through this work the manifestations of power and glory were evident in the Early Church, even on the birthday of the Spirit (Acts 2:4); and though we are not promised that all the more evident manifestations would continue (we are told that some would cease— I Corinthians 13:8), we are charged to be "filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18) for service for Him. Every Christian is personally charged to evidence the *fruit of the Spirit* in his life (Galatians 5:22,23) of which "love, joy, peace, longsuffering" are *not* the unaided work of the Christian, but the result of the power of the Spirit of God working in the life of the Believer.

What Is My Relationship to the Holy Spirit?

If I am a child of God (a true Christian) the Holy Spirit indwells my heart (Romans 8:9), and will never leave me (John 14:16). God's Word is plain to state that if the Holy Spirit is not mine, I am not God's child.

I cannot understand all the mystery of the Trinity, having no like experience or true analogy in this life to give substance to my thinking. Nor have I realized, in all probability, all that God has told me in His Word concerning the Holy Spirit's work for me. But I know that He followed me as the "Hound of Heaven" through life until His love penetrated my heart (John 16:7-11). Now, as a Child of God, I am charged to live in constant adjustment to the Holy Spirit so that my life is filled with His power (Ephesians 5:18), and gives forth the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22, 23). This adjustment to the Holy Spirit is not a question of how much of the Holy Spirit I have, but is rather a question of how much of my life I have yielded to Him. The Scriptures make it clear that the normal Christian life is the Spirit-filled life, and that frustration and defeat are the lot of one who tries to live as a Christian apart from a complete yieldedness to the Spirit of God.

Project Suggestion

The winning of one person to Christ between now and Easter by each member.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Feb. 24 Holy Spirit Dwells in Believers I Corinthians 3:16-23
T. Feb. 25 Outpouring Promised Matthew 3:1-12
W. Feb. 26 Given through Prayer Luke 11:1-13
T. Feb. 27 Empowers for Service Acts 1:1-8
F. Feb. 28 Believers Received Spirit Acts 19:1-6
S. Feb. 29 Withdrawal of Spirit Psalm 51:1-13
Sun. Mar. 1—Topic: Receiving the Spirit John 14:15-26; Acts 2:1-13

Comments by Dr. Elias D. White, Pastor of the First Brethren Church, La Verne, California

Topic 1 in a Unit: Witnessing for Christ

Operation: Witness

Acts 1:8; John 15:13-16, 26, 27

Counsel for the Counselor

If a witnessing society is to be developed the counselor will have an important part in the program. This is an opportunity to aid young people in learning: the importance of witnessing, how to witness, and to practice it in a role-playing session. Sympathetic understanding will help the young people learn the joy of winning some one else to Christ.

Leads for the Leader

Let the leader present the following in his own words, adding any thoughts of his own.

In this meeting we are considering the topic *Operation: Witness.* Jesus expected his followers to be witnesses. This is clear from His words in the great commission (Matthew 28:19,20). Later on He was even more explicit. Just before the Ascension He was assembled with the disciples and He said to them, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

The second chapter of Acts is a sermon by the Apostle Peter. It was delivered in the same city where Jesus was crucified. The date is just fifty days after the death of Jesus. It was in one of the most public places—the temple. No doubt some of the same people who were there at the time of His death were there when Peter preached. Perhaps even some who conspired to bring about His death were there. Peter was pointed in his accusation—" . . . ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain" (Acts 2:23b). Peter thought he was talking to the guilty people anyway. He courageously accuses them of killing Him. A little later in the sermon he declares that God has raised Him (Jesus) from the dead. He reaches a climax in his sermon in his testimony, "Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). This was the witness of Peter on the day of Pentecost. So effective was he that three thousand believed him and accepted Christ as their Saviour.

Paul's defense before Felix (Acts 24) and before Agrippa (Acts 26) was a message of witnessing for Christ. The sermons were pleas for these two leaders to accept Christ as Lord and Saviour.

All through the book of Acts the Christians witnessed for Christ, seeking to win others.

Like them we are witnesses in order that we might win some for Him. This is our topic for this meeting. In this presentation we will be doing two things. First, to see how we witness and second, to practice one phase of witnessing. (Then should follow three talks on: (1) The Witness of Life, (2) The Witness of Example, (3) The Witness of Words.)

Talks on the Topic

The Witness of Life

(Let the first speaker tell the following in his own words, adding his own thoughts.)

"He's just talking"; "His brain doesn't know what his mouth is saying"; "His mouth is in gear but his brain isn't"; "He talks a good fight"; all are expressions used about people who talk but never act. As someone has put it:

To those who talk and talk and talk
This adage will appeal,
The steam that blows the whistle
Never turns the wheel.

Life talks louder and with more emphasis than all the words one can say. In Christian life this is even of greater significance. Life is a witness for Christ. How life is conducted is a telling demonstration for or against Christ. Peter was full of courage and his life was a witness for His Lord on Pentecost, but there was a time when his actions were not so influential. When Jesus was under arrest and the trials were taking place Peter was admitted to the palace of the High Priest. It seems to have been in the courtyard and being cold the servants and officers had made a fire. When Peter came in the servant girl at the door asked him if he was a disciple of Jesus; Peter denied any connection with Jesus. Here his words and actions belied his earlier commitment to Jesus. His opportunity to witness shot right by him. His later life is one of constant witnessing for His Lord.

Most Christians have become followers of Jesus because of the witnessing of others. F. D. Kershner had the misfortune to have very bad eyes from his youth up. Yet, he in his life time became the leading force in two different colleges, taught hundreds in their preparation for the ministry, contributed to religious magazines and was the author of a number of books. At his death a friend paid him the highest compliment of all when he said, "I can believe in Christ because I knew F. D. Kershner." What do others say of us? Will we lead them to believe in Christ because of the way we have lived? "Ye are witnesses" with your lives.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude
Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1
Hymn: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*
Invocation
Hymn: *Blessed Assurance*
Scripture: Acts 1:8; John 15:3-16; 26,27
Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story*
Announcements
Offertory
Special (Music, reading, etc.)
Topic presentation:
- Leader's Talk
- Talks by Other Speakers
- Role-playing
- Discussion

Hymn: *I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go*
Christian Endeavor Benediction

The Witness of Example

(Let the second speaker tell the following in his own words, adding his own thoughts.)

Every person is an example for someone. Everyone follows someone else. As an example to others each is a witness. Where an individual goes on Sunday morning is an influence on others. The same is true of Saturday night and Monday morning. If there is a sincere desire to witness for Christ there are three things that can be done that will be helpful.

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First there is church attendance. This is a way of being a witness for Christ. Neighbors soon know that a certain person always goes to church on Sunday. No announcements are needed. Others see him go at the regular hour and return. He is seen in church and coming away from the services.

A second practice that is an example to others is the reading of the Bible. Many groups make a practice of carrying them to church. Some Sunday schools take a count of Bibles and of the number of chapters read. Obviously there are higher goals than a contest to see who can read the most but if this stimulates reading then it becomes a witness to Christ through study and knowledge of His word.

A third example that witnesses for Christ is the practice of prayer. The individual who quietly bows his head and gives thanks for his meal in a public place is witnessing to his faith. It need not be a display but an expression of the way the Christian actually lives. The person who prays soon displays it in other ways. The praying individual is nearly always serene and peaceful. Taking part in public prayer is a way to witness for Christ. The words need not be eloquent or flowery —just earnest and sincere. Thus by church attendance, Bible reading, and prayer do people witness for Christ and help to win others for Him.

The Witness of Words

(Let the third speaker tell in his own words the following, adding his own thoughts.)

The great commission in Matthew 28:19,20 urges the followers of Jesus to "Go, teach." There are various ways to teach but they all have at their center the use of *words.*

So we come to the witness of words. A witness in a trial uses the spoken word to relate what he has seen or knows. A witness is one who goes and then tells about Christ to others. The word Gospel comes from the old Anglo-Saxon and means "Godspeil" or "God's story." A story is in words. So the witness repeats the story because he has found it to be true.

In Mark 4:3-20 Jesus relates the parable of the sower. In it he describes the farmer that sows his seed on the various kinds of soil and how it grew. Afterwards the twelve apostles asked him about the parable and its meaning. He said that the sower soweth the "word" and it fell in the hearts and minds of people. Some heard and responded without depth. Others let the new Christian way get choked out by the ways of the world. Some let the seed really take root and grow. It is by the spoken word that the message is spread. This is the way that any other message is spread.

If an advertiser wants to introduce a new product he shows pictures of it and does demonstrations. But the primary method is to tell about it in words. He has the story written in the newspapers and magazines. He rents space on radio and television and has announcers tell about the product. So, also Christians need to tell the story of Christ. Tell the story to friends, at school, at work, and wherever it can be introduced. As Paul in Romans 10:8-10 says . . . (*read these verses*). And in the seventeenth verse Paul declares . . . (*read this verse*). So it becomes important and imperative for the follower of Christ to witness with his words.

Areas for Discussion

1. How can you answer the objection to becoming a Christian when the individual says, "There are too many hypocrites in the church."

2. Answer the objection to accepting Christ that the Bible is too hard to understand.

3. Answer this question, "Why are there so many churches?"

4. What do you say when a non-Christian says, "I can't live up to the Christian requirements."

5. Discuss the statement, "I am just as good as the people in the church."

6. Discuss, "What happens when I do wrong after I become a Christian?"

7. What is the answer to, "My father wasn't a Christian so why should I be one?"

Experiments in Role-Playing

Here is a way to learn how to witness for Christ by role-playing. Here are the steps: Divide the group in two equal parts. If possible seat them in two long lines so that a person from each group is facing one from the other.

All of the persons in number one group are to play the role of witnesses and try to win the individual from group two for Christ. All those in group two are to take the role of a non-Christian and offer all the reasons that they can think of for not becoming a Christian. The conversation is to be between two persons, not the groups. However, the members of each group are all talking to the opposite section at the same time. Let the conversation continue for about four or five minutes. Then shuffle one group so that the same two people are not talking to each other again and reverse the roles and do the role-playing again. Ask them to remember the best reasons for becoming a Christian and the most difficult objections to answer. Then let the group discuss these.

A Project in Evangelism

Many successful projects have been conducted by youth groups and many won for Christ. Perhaps this is the time for your society to plan something. Why not conduct a Visitation program to win young people to Christ. Follow these steps: (1) Select a committee of sharp and consecrated young people. (2) Let the committee take a survey of the young people who are not Christian. List names from the Sunday school, from among friends, the youth group, and the minister's prospect file. (3) Make a card file of the names with addresses and phone numbers and their connection with the church, if any. (4) Set a time for the visitation period. (5) Conduct a training session on how to make a call. (6) Assign the names to members of the society and have them bring back a report of the call. Have two young people work as a calling team. (7) Be sure to have your minister and counselor in all the planning. (8) Have a reception for the ones that are won in the program.

A number of groups have been able to do some very fine witnessing by conducting services in the local jail or juvenile home. Plan a program with music, Scripture, and personal messages. Include an invitation to accept Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Other groups have conducted services in a local Mission. Some of these have been among the people who have really lost their way through liquor, narcotics, misfortune, or some other reason. Witnessing in these situations is a challenge to young people and a real demonstration of their faith.

Still others have conducted street meetings or meetings in resort areas. They have depended upon music to attract the people and then presented the claims of Christ. One society had its entire outlook and program changed after conducting a service in a city mission. During the evening the gave an invitation and some accepted Christ. This thrill of joy was a new revelation of what witnessing could mean to Christian Endeavor society.

A Christian Endeavor Union had an annual evangelistic program. They invited well known preacher to deliver the messages. They selected a song leader known and liked by young people. The young people supplied special music in the services. Some years they held three nightly meetings and some others as many as five. In all they witnessed for Christ and won young people to His service. Your society can serve Christ by witnessing and derive a great blessing from the service.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Mar. 2 Witnessing Enjoined Isaiah 43-1-1
T. Mar. 3 Paul Witnessed Romans 1:1-1
W. Mar. 4 Witness Unceasingly Isaiah 62:1-
T. Mar. 5 Witness in the Home Mark 5:1-2
F. Mar. 6 Witness without Shame II Timothy 1:1-1
S. Mar. 7 Ready to Witness I Peter 3:8-1
Sun. Mar. 8—Topic: Operation: Witness Acts 1-8; John 15:13-16,26,2

Comments by Elwood Dunn, general secretar of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union an extension representative of the Internationa Society of Christian Endeavor

Topic 2 in a Unit: Witnessing for Christ

Mission Accomplished

Luke 10:1-20

ublicity

Put up a poster that shows a reproduc-
n of Christ knocking at the door of the
art. Use the caption *You can help Him: Come to Christian Endeavor and find t how.* Remember time, place, and leader.

Word for the Counselor

There are three possible ways of pre-
nting this topic. (1) With a series of
ks on the various subjects. (2) Using
monstrations of the various sections. Let
oups of two young people discuss and
ad from the Bible the sections relating to
th, repentance etc. Use demonstrations
calls and discuss the way to improve
em. (3) Have reports of prior efforts at
tnessing for Christ.

The material lends itself to a "How-to-
" session and the members can learn
w to make calls. This would be an op-
rtune time to distribute the pamphlet *low to Win Youth"* (price 10c) avail-
le from the International Society of
ristian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad
reet, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

If number two plan is used then the
unselor has an opportunity to take the
le of a coach. In this way he is aiding in
veloping a skill for calling. Such skills
n be taught and improved just as the
ill in basketball or skating or any activi-
demanding it.

lethods of Presentation

If the society has had an evangelistic
ogram or project use this meeting to
port the activities. Then after the
ports evaluate the work. Record the
nclusions so they can be referred to
planning the next activity.

If the evangelism project has not yet
een conducted use this meeting as a
How-to" session. Do some of the things
at will train the members for further
ojects in evangelism.

low to Use the Bible
n Winning Others

Every person who is a Christian will
ant to know the Bible. When Paul was
riting to the young student and preacher
imothy he urged him to study like a
orkman that he might know how to han-
le the word of truth (II Timothy 2:15).
imothy was seeking to win others and
aul urged him to know the Scriptures
at he might make effective use of them
presenting Christ. It is important that
oung people who are talking to others
udy the New Testament. One who is
witness needs to know the story of
e life of Jesus. Thus he should read the
ur Gospels. They tell of the earthly
fe of Christ. What He did and what He said is recorded there. The young person will profit by studying about how others became Christians.

The book of Acts records many conversions. Here then, the student can learn what others must do to follow Christ. There were many converts on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2). Peter preached again a little later and the message is in the third chapter of Acts. The book tells what they did when they accepted Christ. Chapter 6 and 7 tells of the work and preaching of Stephen. In the 8th chapter of Acts is the report of the preaching of Philip and how he won others for Christ. There is more in the book of Acts. It tells how the followers of Jesus witnessed for Him and what others did to become His followers. The message is the same today as it was then. The methods of becoming a Christian are the same now as then. Thus it is important to know the Scripture.

With this background presentation the leader might have two young people demonstrate using the Bible to tell the story of Christ. Have one young person come to visit another. Let him carry a Bible in his hand. Assume the one being visited is not a Christian. The visitor could say that he is interested in the other one becoming a Christian and invite joint study of the Bible. Then let them read certain passages to the group. The following steps might be used:

(1) God loves men. Read, John 3:16, I John 4:7-10.

(2) God sent His son into the world. The visitor can refer to John 3:16, and read John 4:34; Matthew 17:1-5.

(3) In the Bible belief was essential to becoming a follower of Christ. Sometimes it is described as faith. Faith is defined as the "substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Faith is the belief of testimony.

There is much testimony in the New Testament that Jesus is the Son of God. First there were the words of God which He spoke when Jesus was baptized, (Matthew 3:17). Before Jesus was born the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her about the coming birth of a son. He said that the name of the son should be Jesus. This Jesus would reign over the house of Jacob forever and there would be no end to His kingdom.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude
Call to Worship: Matthew 11:28-30
Song Service: *I Am Thine, O Lord; Have Thine Own Way; Send the Light*
Scripture: Luke 10:1-20 (Perhaps read in unison)
Prayer
Hymn: *Trust and Obey*
Topic Presentation
Announcements
Offering
Mizpah Benediction

Gabriel told Mary that the son would be called the Son of God (See Luke 1:26-38).

Then there is the evidence of the Power of Jesus as He performed miracles. This helped to prove Him the Son of God. He had power over the elements in the world. He turned the water into wine at a wedding at a small village called Cana (John 2:1-11). He healed the people with ailing bodies, a boy with a fever (John 4:46-54); several others (Matthew 9:1-7).

Jesus let it be known that He regarded Himself as sent from God and the Messiah. This is clear from the statements that He made to the Woman at the Well (John 4:26). Pilate who was an expert at examining people and getting the truth from them questioned Jesus and could find no fault in Him. The officer who led the detail that crucified Jesus was moved to see Him as more than man. As an officer in the Roman Army and possibly in charge of the frequent executions he often saw men die. But when Jesus expired on the cross the Centurion looked at Him and said, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matthew 27:54b).

(4) This fact, that Jesus is the Son of God, was believed by the people closest to Jesus. He asked the disciples who the people thought He was. There were a variety of answers. Some thought Jesus was the prophet Elijah, others Jeremiah, others John the Baptist and some just one of the prophets. Jesus

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then became very pointed and asked what the disciples thought. Peter made the famous answer known as the Good Confession, and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16b). All of the sermons in the book of Acts are meant to convince the listeners of this truth. When Philip met the Ethiopian eunuch he preached unto him Jesus. When the eunuch asked to be baptized Philip said, "If thou believest thou mayest." And the reply of the eunuch was, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:26-40).

(5) Repentance and remission of sins were preached in the name of Jesus (Luke 24:46,47).

Those who became followers were called upon to repent. The word means to turn around. It means to turn to Jesus and away from any other way of life. This was the word of Peter to the people in Jerusalem (Acts 2:38).

(6) This led to open confession and declaration of faith in Jesus. This we have seen in Peter and in the eunuch. Here we should note the words of Paul when he says, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10).

(7) The followers of Jesus were baptized as He was. He commanded it in the great commission (Matthew 28:19,20). The three thousand on the day of Pentecost were baptized. So were the eunuch and Lydia and others who became followers of Christ.

(8) God then sent His spirit to dwell in men and help them (Acts 2:38; John 14:26; 16:7-13).

How to Make a Call

The leader might say in his own words the following:

These two topics have been considering the need to witness for Christ and His claims on the lives of young people. In this part of the topic we are to look at the techniques of making a call. Two of the members of the society are going to make a call on a third in an effort to win him for the church and for Christ. The representatives of the society are visiting in the home of the third. The audience is to watch how the call is carried out and discuss it afterwards.

(This section deals with a step by step procedure in making a call. It can be brought out in discussion or can be presented as a talk by one of the members. Several quick calls by young people on other young people could be demonstrated and then have discussion.)

Points to Consider

1. Name two of the steps that must be taken to become a Christian.
2. What is the evidence that Jesus is the Son of God?
3. Discuss the meaning of faith.
4. Is the operation of faith in God any different in the human heart and mind than faith in the government?
5. List the values of public confession of Christ.
6. Are the techniques of making a sales call for other products any different than a call for the church?
7. What are the two most important items for successful calling for the church?
8. How did Jesus send out callers?

The first step in making a call is to determine the purpose of the visit. It might be to invite the new person to attend Christian Endeavor or Sunday school or to talk to him about becoming a Christian. It is good for two young people to go together. Then each can help the other if something is forgotten. They can help each other's courage.

Before making a call pray that God will give guidance in the visit and help accomplish the purpose of the interview. When the visitors arrive at the home they should identify themselves. Inform the person visited who they are and what church and Christian Endeavor society they represent. Then explain the purpose of the visit. Always try to make a good impression. In the visit you are representatives of the church and of Christ. It is good to have some literature from the church and the Christian Endeavor society along. Leave it with the person visited as a reminder of your visit.

When the visitors arrive at the door where they are going and some one appears at the door one of them might say, "I am Bill Friend and this is Jane Pyle and we are from First Church Christian Endeavor. Could we talk to you for a few minutes?"

When the callers are inside and seated then begin to tell about the society and the church and the program that is on just at this time. If the callers are to talk about the relationship of the one visited to Christ it can be started by something like this, "You are a Christian, aren't you?" Then let the conversation develop making sure to invite the one visited to accept Christ and telling him how.

Some Tips for Calling

1. Get the person on whom you are calling to talking. Ask about where he has gone to church, school, etc.

2. Both callers should be careful not to talk at the same time.

3. Do not try to overwhelm the p son with your knowledge.

4. If the person has a complaint l ten to it and then go on to somethi that is positive.

5. Don't talk too long at a time—l some one else have a chance.

6. Some personal attitudes.
   a. Smile
   b. Be warm and friendly
   c. Don't argue—explain and dr the question; move to somethi else.
   d. Do not be critical of oth churches or youth groups. Poi out how yours works.
   e. Do not press too hard for decision. It can react the wro way.
   f. Leave the door open for a r turn visit.
   g. Don't stay too long.
   h. Leave on a warm and friend note.
   i. Keep the objective of winni someone for Christ before yo
   j. Pray for the success of the c after you leave.

Illustration

One young people's group decid that it should do something about wi ning other young people for the chur and for Christ. After some meetings wi the minister the members made up list of young people that they want to talk to about Christ. In the planni they often expressed fear at being ab to make the calls. They were afra that they couldn't do it. But they ma the assignments and met at the chur upon the chosen evening. After pray together they went out two by two make the calls. Each couple had thr prospective places to visit.

Around 10:30 at night they car pounding up the porch of the parso age and knocked on the door. Th were bubbling over with joy. Every o had received them openly and cordi ly. Each couple had some success of o kind or another. Two had declared th intention to accept Christ in the ne Sunday's services, and they did.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Mar. 9 Witnessing a Duty Malachi 3:1
T. Mar. 10 Inward Necessity Acts 4:1
W. Mar. 11 Outgrowth of Faith II Corinthians 4:1
T. Mar. 12 Continue to Witness Galatians 4:12
F. Mar. 13 Use Talents Matthew 25:14
S. Mar. 14 Faithful Witness I Peter 4:1
Sun. Mar. 15—Topic: Mission Accomplished Luke 10:1

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A False Hurrah

Mark 11:1-11

Publicity

Personal contact is usually the most effective means of reaching people. As an outgrowth of last week's meeting on witnessing, organize teams of two people each and give each team a list of calls to be made. Be certain all young people are called upon.

Leader's Introduction

(Ask several people to prepare and present talks on such topics as *Loyalty, Perseverance, Steadfastness,* and *Sincerity.*)

When we read the account of Christ's entry into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday, we can almost feel the excitement of the crowd. We feel that Christ is receiving the adoration He deserves. He had spoken to great crowds on many occasions and though they often listened with rapt attention to what he said, there was never the outburst of enthusiasm which greets Him on Palm Sunday. While we are happy about his reception, we are dismayed at the changing attitude of these same people as the events of Holy Week begin to unfold. We want to discuss this attitude of disloyalty and attempt to discover why people changed as they did. We also want to discuss positive attitudes toward God and try to apply them to ourselves.

Talks on the Topic

(The following suggested themes are prepared only as suggestions. The various speakers are to develop the talks in their own words. These topics can also be used as topics for buzz groups.)

1. What Is Involved in Loyalty?

Loyalty is that quality of spirit which prompts a person to be faithful to a person or organization. By loyalty we express our firm belief in the aims and purposes of the person. By loyalty we demonstrate our willingness to adhere to the program of an organization. Loyalty, like true friendship, is able to overlook trivial faults and calls forth fidelity in the eventual success of the person or organization to which one is loyal.

Our crowd hears much about *school loyalty.* This means we work for our school, we are willing to sacrifice for it, and we are willing to do whatever we are asked to make it the best it can be.

When we consider what is involved in loyalty to school, we acknowledge that we put the interests of school above our own wishes. We consider the school as being something bigger than ourselves.

2. Can One Be Loyal to More Than One Thing at the Same Time?

We are often loyal to several people or organizations or causes at the same time. We are loyal to our families, our church, our friends at one and the same time. This is simply a normal way of reacting to life's relationships. Normally we can practice such loyalties with no difficulty. However, occasions arise when two or more of the groups to which we feel a loyalty make demands upon us at the same time. Or perhaps they make conflicting demands upon us. What are we to do then? Always we have to make an evaluation of the importance of the various groups requiring our loyalty and decide which group has the greater claim on us. When the work of Jesus is involved we must remember what He taught about faithfulness to Him. "He that is not with me is against me" (Matthew 12:30). "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). Scripture teaches that loyalty to Christ takes precedence over everything else, even our own families (Luke 14:26).

3. How Can One Be Loyal to Christ While Active in Other Pursuits?

Being loyal to Christ does not necessarily mean that we give up all other activities and interests. We can be members of a family, but still express our loyalty to Christ by the way we conduct ourselves while living in and with the family. We can be active in sports and still be loyal to Christ by the way we respond to the various pressures and temptations to which we are subjected while engaged in sports. This same principle holds true in regard to all social activities with but one exception. When any other activity tempts us to put Christ in second place or to deny Him, then loyalty to Christ demands we take our stand with Him alone.

4. How Does Loyalty Apply to the Palm Sunday Story?

The account of Christ's entry into Jerusalem is an excellent example of the way men are tempted to be disloyal to Jesus. The reception accorded Jesus as He entered the city was long overdue. The wisdom of His teaching; the fame of His miraculous works; His ability to lead men; all these demanded that one day He should be acclaimed as the leader He was. This acclaim came at last on Palm Sunday. Notice that the multitude greeted Him as their king. Surely the king should receive the kind of loyalty

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Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: John 11:25,26
Hymns: *Living for Jesus; Great Is Thy Faithfulness; I Would Be True*
Announcements and Offering
Special Music
Responsive Reading No. 10 *Discipleship*
Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-11
Sentence Prayers
Leader's Introduction
Talks on the Topic
Closing Moments
Hymn: *O Jesus I Have Promised*
Mizpah Benediction

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that would be lasting. Yet, just a few days later the same crowd demanded His execution. Why the change? Where was their loyalty? It seems easy to give our loyalty to one who appears to be doing what we would like accomplished, especially if it seems that little will be required of us personally. However, when that same person asks help of us, or acts in a way contrary to our personal wishes, it becomes equally easy to become disloyal. This seems to be a trait of mankind. It is a danger which the Christian must constantly guard against. We cannot admire the attitude of the vacillating crowd demanding Christ's life. Disloyal acts toward Jesus on our part are equally repulsive.

5. Why Did the Crowd Become Disloyal to Christ so Quickly?

Probably at the root of this activity was a wrong conception of Jesus. Their knowledge of Him was inadequate. They were not sure what to expect of Him. They hailed Him as their king, but in so doing they were expressing their desire that He free them from the bondage of Rome. They were placing the responsibility for the entire program upon His shoulders. They were thus getting themselves free of this enterprise. What they did not understand was that Jesus was not, and had never claimed to be such a king. "My kingdom is not of this world," said Jesus. This they did not understand. Therefore, when He entered Jerusalem and did nothing to begin a physical insurrection against Rome, they lost faith.

Human nature has changed little in the ensuing years. When we do not understand the purpose of Jesus in making demands upon us we too are tempted to rebel. When He leads us in such a way that we see no progress in our lives we begin to look for other places for our loyalty. Thus the account of the Palm Sunday reception is a warning to us of our tendency to waver when the burdens of life become heavy.

6. Could the Multitude Have Avoided This Disloyal Act?

Yes! But not by relying upon their own strength. Nor can we. In the Christian Endeavor Pledge we promise to do "whatever He would have me do." But the conditional phrase is included, "trusting in . . . Christ for strength." This is of utmost importance. This was the mistake made by the multitude. When we try to be loyal to Christ through our own strength, we, like the crowd of Palm Sunday, soon find we are no match for the temptations that crowd in around us. We can be true to Christ only when we ask Jesus for power to do so. This is a gift that is always available to us. It is a gift that Jesus will never withhold from us. In all situations, one person plus God is a majority.

Illustration

After a hard and long day of fighting during one of the battles between Israel and Philistia, David and some of his soldiers found refuge in a cave in the mountains. Just as any of us might have done, David expressed a wish for a cool drink of water from the well of Bethlehem. In response to this wish, three of his soldiers left their own lines and fought their way through the lines of the enemy. They secured the water and brought it to David. This was done at the risk of their own lives simply to satisfy an expressed wish of their king. It had not been a command. It was merely a desire for water. It might even have been found in a more convenient place. But the loyalty of the soldiers to their king was so great that even a wish prompted them to action. Christ, hailed as the King of Kings on Palm Sunday, should have had a claim to the loyalty of those who welcomed Him.

Conclusion

Palm Sunday serves as a reminder that Christ is the ruler of the Spiritual Kingdom He came to establish. This kingdom is located in the hearts of His followers. As the ruler of the hearts of men, He has the right to expect loyalty, self-sacrificing service and reverence from those who acknowledge Him as such. Unless these become a part of our daily lives, we too shall be as fickle and guilty as many in the crowd on that first Palm Sunday. Christ comes anew to you today. How are you receiving Him?

For Extra Consideration

A question was asked when Jesus entered Jerusalem as the promised King of Israel that would be worthy of deeper consideration. "Who is this?" (Matthew 21:10.)

Why not make a few assignments with this question in mind. Ask the members of your society to read through several chapters of the Gospel according to Matthew with this question in mind—"Who is this?"

Make contact with several people for a brief interview regarding this question. Try to find out what others think concerning this Christ.

On the meeting night you could step to the chalkboard and ask for answers to this question, "Who is this?" Write down each answer.

Here are seven ideas that you cou use for a time of extra considerati "Who is this?"—

1. He is the King foretold by t Prophets (Zechariah 9:9; Isa 62:11).
2. He is the King proclaimed prophesied (Matthew 21:5-9).
3. He is the King approved by G (Matthew 21:12-14; Acts 2:2
4. He is the King rejected by t rulers (Matthew 21:15-17; Lu 19: 39-44).
5. The King mocked and crucif (Matthew 27:27-37).
6. The King raised and exalt (Matthew 28:5-7; Acts 2:31-3
7. The King returning and reigni (Matthew 25:31-46; Revelat 19:11-16).

Project Suggestions

You could set up a Bible study ca paign for one week at which time ea reader is to read and study the 53 chapter of Isaiah. This great chap sets forth a sevenfold presentation Jesus Christ. (1) The object of t Father's heart, verse 2. (2) The obj of the world's contempt, verses 2 a 3. (3) The Burden Bearer, verse (4) The Sin-Bearer, verse 5. (5) Divinely Appointed Burial, verse 9. (His present Exaltation, verses 10 a 11. (7) His Universal Supremacy, ve 12. After one week of study of t notable chapter take some time out fr one of your meetings to have a revi of accomplishment. What does t chapter mean to you now? What gr ideas swept across your mind? W has the truth of the chapter done your own life?

Why not plan a week on promoti the Quiet Hour. Materials could secured from the International Soci of Christian Endeavor. Letters could mimeographed. You could mail out e set of letters on Monday, one Wednesday, and one on Friday. other words, you could have a threef approach to urge your members to a part of the Quiet Hour program Christian Endeavor.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Mar. 16 Loyalty to God Joshua 23:
T. Mar. 17 Steadfastness I Corinthians 15:5
W. Mar. 18 Being Tempted II Peter 3:1
T. Mar. 19 Endure Hardship Hebrews 12:
F. Mar. 20 Endure Temptation James 1:1
S. Mar. 21 Persevere Galatians 6:
Sun. Mar. 22—Topic: A False Hurrah Mark 11:1
(Palm Sunday)

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Holy Week with Christ

Matthew 28:1-10

(Easter)

dvertising the Meeting

Secure poster cards to advertise this eeting. At the top of the card place ese words:

8 STRIKING DAYS
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Prepare a mimeograph letter-triple aced. Make each sentence speak di-ctly about the Holy Week with Christ. se designs or drawings. Don't clutter crowd. A drop of ink can make a llion people think.

pic Presentation Idea

It would add much to the meeting if des or large pictures showing the rious days of Holy Week were utilized th the *Talks on the Topic.* If large pic-res are used have them spotlighted. rses of an appropriate hymn could be ng as part of each day's presentation.

r the Leader

You may be reading this topic for the st time. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Don't read this topic presentation fore the society. We recommend you ad it many times so that you can nd before your society and tell them e story as you know it. You will add terest to your meeting by being well epared. Study it and then unfold it.
2. Speak out distinctly. Don't chew ur words. Get your eyes off the ceil-g. Keep your hands out of your ckets. Don't rush, relax and reveal ur thoughts.
3. Give yourself to much prepara-n. Ask questions of others regarding is topic. Your society will be able to ll if you are well prepared. Don't bluff ur way through the topic. Be honest ith yourself. Work hard on the topic d you will receive a special blessing. y it! It works that way.

eader's Introduction

Our topic, *Holy Week with Christ,* vers an eight day period in the life our blessed Lord. This week is also ferred to as His last week.

Our Aim

To set forth Jesus Christ in such a fashion that His life will be a constant rebuke to our idleness and indifference, and that we may be attracted to Him and serve Him with a full heart as we endeavor to do His will.

The evangelists have devoted one-third of the Gospel record to our Lord's passion and resurrection. A comparison of the four narratives clearly indicates the order of events upon the several days of the Holy Week.

Jesus Christ set His face to go to Jerusalem. He told His disciples what would happen. He touched upon the following: delivered, condemned to death, mocked, spit upon, scourged, crucified, buried, and resurrected.

He comes to Bethany and is entertained in the home of Simon the leper. It was here that Mary, sister of Lazarus and Martha, took a pound of ointment and anointed His feet. This ointment was precious and costly. Judas complained. The common people of the Jews plotted to destroy Jesus as well as Lazarus. Lazarus was one whom Jesus raised up from among the dead.

We begin the week.

Talks on the Topic

First Speaker

The first day is Palm Sunday. On this occasion He was ready to go into Jerusalem and present Himself as King. During His earthly ministry Christ continually manifested His sovereign and omnipotent powers. He spoke and demons departed; the lepers were made clean; the dead came to life; the blind went seeing and the deaf went hearing. If this is the pattern for His earthly ministry, what should we expect when He is ready to claim the kingdom? One thing we may be sure of, He will move with authority and according to a fore-ordained plan.

You will observe that He permitted the multitude to accept Him in the name of the Lord and in the name of David. When He saw the city He wept over it and said, "If thou hadst known in this day, even thou the things which belong unto peace, but now they are hid from their eyes." Later on He cursed the fig tree which gave the lesson of a rejected nation. You can hear the cry of the crowd as He rides into the city. Many of these were a part of the crowd that rejected Him. (Read Zechariah 9:9 and Matthew 21:1-11.)

Second Speaker

Monday is the day of authority. Note the events: 1. The cursing of the fig tree; 2. Cleansing the temple. Here He emphasized the true nature of the temple. "My house shall be called a house of prayer." They had made it a den of thieves. His authority was challenged. Many cried, "Who is this?" The air was full of protest. Rejection dominated the thinking of many. (Read Matthew 21:12-19.)

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Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Time
Song service: *Trust and Obey; There's a New Day Dawning; I Love to Tell the Story*
Scripture Lesson: Matthew 28:1-10
Special Music
Prayer Time: (Ask for prayer requests)
Announcements and Offering
Topic Presentation
Discussion Time
Closing Time and Meditation Hymn: *My Jesus I Love Thee*
Mizpah Benediction

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As we think about this we must face up to the fact that rejection of Christ; is rejection of God (Read John 10:30); is rejection of love (Read 1 John 4:8); is to turn from light to darkness (Read John 3:20); is rejection of peace (Read John 14:27); and is rejection of life (Read John 3:36). They did not want this Man to reign over them. They turned from Him and spurned His authority.

Third Speaker

Tuesday was the day of controversy. Think of the lessons dealing with the two sons and the vineyard; the wicked husbandman; the marriage of the king's son; the rejection and the conspiracy against Jesus. "Who is he that gave Thee this authority?" Controversy on every hand. Jesus had a word for all of them. Love dominated His heart. (Read Matthew 21:20-46.)

Fourth Speaker

Wednesday was the day of retirement. This day we would understand He spent with His friends at Bethany. It was good for Him to get away from the stress and strain and catch a fresh vision. He was the Son of Man as well as the Son of God. Friends meant a great deal to Him at this time.

Fifth Speaker

Thursday was the day of fellowship. Here you have the preparation of the Passover. When the Israelites were in bondage in Egypt, one of the plagues sent to the Egyptians by God was the killing of the first born of every living thing. The Hebrews were saved by painting the doorpost of their homes with the blood of a lamb. The angel of death seeing this would then pass over that house. They observed the Feast of the Passover ever since. There were other happenings: strife among the disciples, the washing of the disciples' feet, the betrayer identified, the Lord's supper, the farewell conversation and the intercessory prayer of John 17. (Read Matthew 26:17-29.)

Sixth Speaker

Friday was the day of suffering. Think of the agony in the garden; the betrayal and arrest, the trial, the denial of Peter, the remorse of Judas, Jesus before Pilate and Herod, the path to the cross and the crucifixion. (Read Matthew 27:1,2,11-14.)

Seventh Speaker

Saturday was the day of silence and sorrow. The watch at the tomb and making it sure. The long wait. Blasted hopes. Shattered dreams. The enemies full of anxiety. (Read Matthew 27:57-66.)

Questions for Discussion

1. **In the Palm Sunday account, what is it that gives you the idea that it was not a day of triumph for Jesus Christ?**
2. **Do you believe that the authority of Jesus Christ is called into question today? State some examples.**
3. **For Jesus, the Holy Week was a week of decisions. Is it true today that we lack decision? Do we make decisions that really cost us something?**
4. **In what ways should the resurrection of Jesus Christ fire us with a warm zeal?**
5. **What are some of the ways that we can get to our community this wonderful story? Would you consider your society a witnessing society?**

Eighth Speaker

Sunday was the day of resurrection. Note the earthquake, the empty tomb, the appearance of the women and the last appearance before the ascension. Jesus Christ is risen from among the dead. He is not here for He is risen from the dead. (Read Matthew 28.)

Summary

After a careful review of this wonderful week in the life of Jesus Christ we should ask ourselves one question, "What is the measure of our response to Christ Jesus our Lord?

1. There should be a spiritual response. The moment a man is made a child of God there is a power conferred upon him which makes him capable of spiritual worship. What is the measure of our spiritual worship?

2. There should be a material response. If under the law tithing was the demand of God, how much more under grace? I love Him. He is worthy of my material response; therefore, He must have my riches.

3. He is worthy of my intellectual response. In too many quarters we are willing to do most anything but intellectual exercise. We must give Him our minds today.

4. He is worthy of our physical response. He wants our bodies, exercised, preserved, and surrendered. What about our hands and feet? Are these used for His pleasure? For the betterment of our home and the advancement of the cause of Jesus Christ?

5. He is worthy of our ethical response. Can we honestly say God is honored in all of our social relationships?

6. He is worthy of our moral [re]sponse. What about the fruit of the H[oly] Spirit in our lives? Is He having [a] moral response?

7. He is worthy of our complete [re]sponse. What is the response of [our] heart? How much does He receive fr[om] us? How much pleasure do we bri[ng] Him? Is ours a complete response? C[an] one go on not fully yielding to t[he] Lord Jesus Christ? We are to pres[ent] our bodies as a living sacrifice.

What could happen in our Christi[an] Endeavor work if all of our memb[ers] would completely yield to the Son [of] God? We should be able to do grea[t] things for Him and reach many w[ith] the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Think of our committee work if [all] the members gave to Christ this sev[en]fold response. We would see a n[ew] growth in Christian Endeavor. Our w[ork] would become a great passion. [We] would be made conscious of the pr[es]ence of Christ and ever feel His to[uch] upon our lives.

How grateful we ought to be. All [of] this should fire our souls to do a [far] greater work in Christian Endeav[or]. We must represent Him in our cha[n]ging world. The Omnipotent Ch[rist] stands in need of our powers and ab[il]ities. Let us give to Him all that [we] possess.

This Holy Week with Christ we sh[all] never forget. We dare not bypass H[im]. We must move forward with Him. [It's] week! Our Week!

Daily Bible Readings

M. Mar. 23 Conspiring against Christ Matthew 26:
T. Mar. 24 The Last Supper Matthew 26:1
W. Mar. 25 Christ in the Garden Matthew 26:3
T. Mar. 26 The Trial of Christ Matthew 26:5
F. Mar. 27 Crucifixion Matthew 27:
S. Mar. 28 Death and Burial Matthew 27:4
Sun. Mar. 29—Topic: Holy Week with Chri[st] Matthew 28:
(Easter)

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart, pa[stor] of the Boulevard Evangelical Congregati[onal] Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from the new CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 60c each, $6 per dozen, $48 per hundred.

Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

Topic Summaries for March

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

The Adult Work Committee which prepared these summaries included Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Joan Pyle, Rev. Walter C. Schaeffer, and Wanna Sell.

Public Worship (three topics)

Note: The first topic in this series appeared in the January issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

Everything but the Sermon

Psalm 51:10-13; 98

Every worship service has some rather routine elements that should never become routine. The offering, offertory prayer, Doxology, hymns, and the reading of Scripture are all elements that set the tone and intent of the total worship emphasis. But somehow these easily become routine and mechanical. A study of the importance of each of these elements and the reason for their placement in the order of worship could provide an interesting study. Why have an invocation? Why have a benediction? What is the intent of the Doxology? Have a few members arrive at the morning or evening worship service early and study the order of service. See if they can logically tie together the elements of worship and discover the thread of emphasis that runs through a worship service. Sharing ideas of how worship can be made more meaningful might serve as a discussion topic.

Everybody's Business

I John 1:6-10; Psalm 100

Psalm 100 is an exhortation to praise God cheerfully. The "face" that churches show the visitor is often the face of one individual member. A mere handshake may leave a lasting impression for good or bad on the newcomer. So we must become aware of the friendly concern which we can show. Spiritually speaking, by being Christians, we have a common ground for fellowship. Humanly speaking we must create this common ground. Sincerity plays a large part in the impression the stranger gets. To shake a hand, to share a hymnbook, to move into a pew, to smile, to speak a hello, or to extend a dinner invitation are all important acts that must be done with sincerity and should be everybody's business. Why do some churches have the reputation of being friendly? In your visits where have you been made to feel most welcome? Why? What can your church do to become a more friendly church?

FACING DEATH (three topics)

1. Facing Death

II Timothy 4:1-8; Hebrews 9:23-28

Facing death is man's greatest challenge, a common denominator for all humanity. Closely related is the common problem of growing old. How can Christian Endeavor assist our senior citizens? Many have not learned how to live; hence they have not learned how to die. What is the relationship here? A sense of purpose and usefulness in life prepares one to conclude it gracefully and submissively. Faith and faithfulness are the key words. Analyze and discuss the meaning of II Timothy 4:7,8. Faith in Christ, our Saviour and Living Lord, is the supreme and adequate answer to this problem. "To look beyond death is to face death victoriously." What does this mean?

"Life's work well done,
Life's race well run,
Life's crown well won;
Now comes Rest."

2. Facing Spiritual Death

Deuteronomy 30:11-20; John 3:14-18; 11:25,26

"It is nothing to die; it is terrible not to live." The greatest mistake of life is to fail to make provision for Eternal Life. Yet there are multitudes about us who are dead already, dead in trespasses and sins. What is our Christian responsibility to them? What is spiritual death? Man is an eternal being. It remains with *him* to decide where that eternity will be spent. Seek out Scripture to expand that thought. Can there be a rational denial of it? Will many become martyrs for their faith in this day of atheism and anti-religion? Which would be worse, agonizing physical death, or spiritual death? Why? Explain Deuteronomy 30:19 and John 3:18.

3. Facing Life

I Corinthians 15:45-58; Revelation 2:10,11

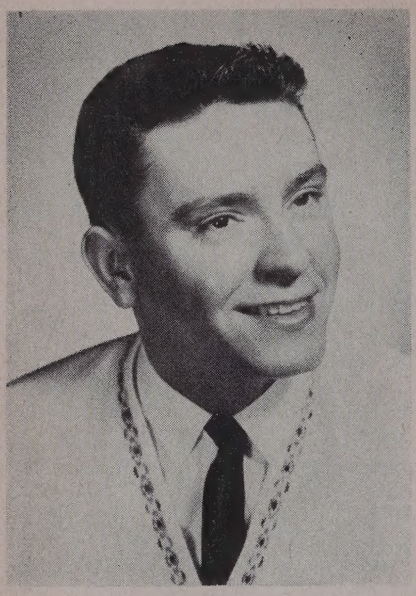
"To look beyond death is to face death victoriously." For the Christian this means facing abundant life, the Eternal Life Christ promised. The Resurrection is the most vital part of our faith, the lively hope of existence. "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19). How gloriously this banishes the little fears of earthly life! John 3:16 is God's passport to this Life. Discuss the steps by which it is made effectual. Who is barred from Life? "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain," said St. Paul in Philippians 1:21. Is this an adequate faith for modern Christians? Discuss this in the light of I Corinthians 15:26-58. How is it true that "Sunset here is Sunrise over There"?

More News Notes

• FERN MILLER of Menomonee Falls is the president of the Wisconsin Christian Endeavor Union. A member of Emmanuel Evangelical United Brethren Church, she is employed as a payroll clerk at Stolper Industries, Inc. She has held numerous Christian Endeavor offices and has served as Sunday school teacher, church treasurer, Junior Christian Endeavor advisor, and church camp counselor.

• TENT MISSION work is a successful German Christian Endeavor project. Two tents are used and in one summer as many as 25 places are visited, May to September. Pastor Bruno Draeger plans the program and speaks, too. Included are children's meetings, Bible studies in the afternoon, and evangelistic meetings each evening.

• HELP FOR INDIA is another German project. Each year 100,000 DM. are sent to India for the Christian Endeavor work there. A "Boys' Town" is being built in Poona near Bombay, where 60 young boys without parents and without homes will be trained in handcrafts and agriculture.



David J. Hildreth of Ohio
1963 Endeavorer of the Year

Name the 1964 Endeavorer of the Year

AGAIN IN 1964 the International Society, with the help of local societies and union will seek out a Christian Endeavorer of the Year. Any Christian Endeavor society, unio or adult group in the United States, Canada, or Mexico which enrolls in the 1964 Socie Roll Call may nominate a young person for the Endeavorer of the Year selection.

THE FIRST AWARD will be an all-expense paid trip (to a maximum of $150) to th 1964 International Christian Endeavor Summer Assembly, Otterbein College, Weste ville, Ohio, July 6-11, plus room and meal costs at Otterbein College for five night lodging (dormitory style) Monday through Friday nights, and all meals from Monda night dinner through Saturday breakfast, plus a registration fee, all worth $30.

THE NEXT THREE RUNNERS-UP will receive free room and meals as described abov along with the free registration, all worth $30.

THE BASIS OF AWARDS will be a nomination by a Christian Endeavor society, unio or adult group. The form for nomination will be sent to any of these organizatio which enroll during December, January, February, or March in the 1964 Society Ro Call.

PERSONS NOMINATED must have passed their 12th birthday but must not hav reached their 22nd birthday by February 29, 1964. Any person nominated must b an active member of a Christian Endeavor society. The completed nomination form must be received by the International Society in Columbus, Ohio, not later than Apr 15, 1964. The winners will be selected by a board of International judges appointe by the International Society of Christian Endeavor. The decisions of the judges are fin and will be announced on May 25, 1964.